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- Preface -

"We are among those who believe that any who care not about their earthly origin, care little as to anything higher". --- Harbaugh

Thanks to all persons who gave their kind cooperation in the compiling of this Family Record Of The Descendants of Aquilla Benton and wife Elizabeth, and John and Sarah Butler.

First, recognition is given to Mrs. Cleo Anderson, presently of Savannah, Georgia, a Family Genealogist, who first inspired me to compile a Book of Remembrance on all my family lines.

Thanks to Thomas Earl Benton for his untiring cooperation, the knowledge he shared of his people, the help which he imparted so freely.

Thanks to Harry Colter Benton and his sister, Mary Cornelia White, for your many letters full of family data.

Thanks to Samuel Nance Benton, for your expression of love for your people as evidenced by your aid in gathering family information for this book.

Our gratitude goes out to three brothers, John Henry, Robert Lee, and Charles Hansel Benton, for the preservation and sharing of old letters that are now included in this book, that all may be inspired by the efforts which were put forth by those who served our country well, that we might enjoy the fruits of their efforts, the freedom that we enjoy.

I wish to extend thanks also to my husband, Oliver Perry Keller, without whose financial assistance, cooperation, and companionship in many of my research trips to Georgia, North Carolina, Washington, D.C., etc., this record could not have come to light.

Thanks too, to my daughter, Floryne E. Forsyth, for her kindly affection and unselfish service which she rendered.

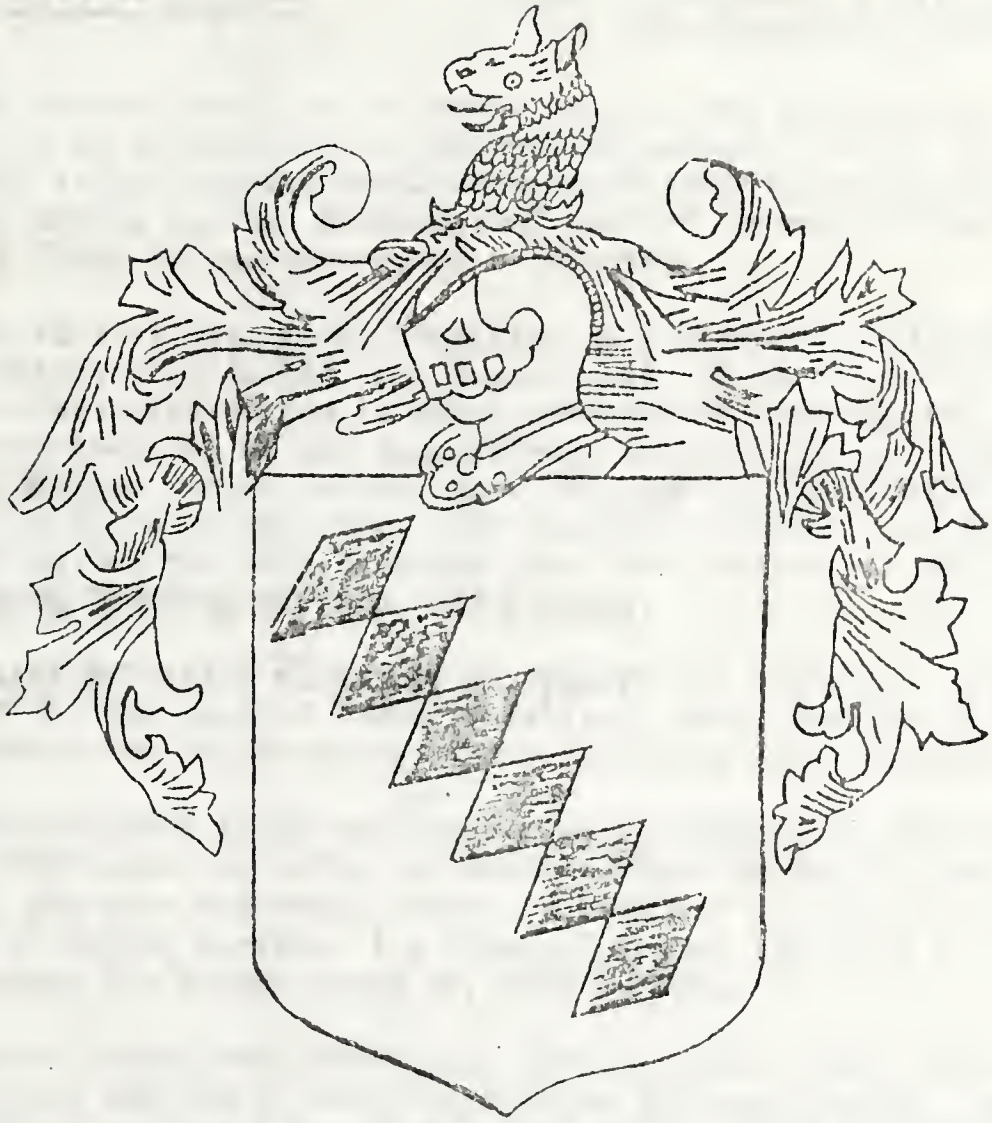
Look with tolerance upon our failure to discover some of the branches of the family, for our fruitless searches in some instances, and most of all, for any and all errors which may creep into our work, though diligent effort is put forth to hand to you an accurate record of your people.

Is it too much to hope that others will be raised up who will with their awakened interest in this family history, seek and find the "lost tribes" which we know not? For this reason, this book bears no copyright, only an admonition that any who shall extract or copy from this record shall do so accurately, showing clearly wherein that which is added or taken away through their own diligent efforts to improve the family records.

And so I close this publication, but not my work, for I shall continue to seek out our kindred dead as well as the living who claim the lineage of Benton and/or Butler, through the above named couples.

This is my wish as I place the material in this book into the hands of the members of our dear family. May it inspire them to do well their work in life, and prove themselves worthy descendants of a worthy ancestry.

- Gertie Mae Butler Keller



Penton

THE EARLY BENTON FAMILY IN ENGLAND & AMERICA

From Burke's "General Armory", the description of the BENTON Coat of Arms is taken:

Arms - Sable six fusile in bend argent
Crest - a griffin's head erased argent

Portrayed in colors beautiful, this Coat of Arms is painted as follows: Diamonds of silver set in a black background; the griffin's head is grey with red eyes and the windows of the helmet also red; and gold is used in the scrollwork around the arms.

Benton Family In England — Ref: "Carpenter & Allied Families" As quoted in Americana, Vol. 31

The Benton family is of Norman origin, and the English records of it are said to be traced back to the twelfth century. It is found at an early date in the southeastern parts of Wiltshire, about fifty miles from Guilford, Surrey County, England, and much of interest regarding the family is found in the history of that place.

The name is also found engrafted in the names of places, as: Little Benton, Long Benton, and Benton Hall, in the County of Northumberland. Bentons also abound in other portions of England, and in Scotland. The present spelling of the name is very ancient, but some who have investigated the matter believe that the Boyntons and Bentons were descended from a common ancestry. The names are similiar and the Arms are almost identical and both families came from Wiltshire. Old spellings are Baynton, Bayntun, Bayntin, and Bentun.

Search of Parish registers in England has brought to light the origin of the New England Benton families. (See, Charles E. Benton: "Caleb Benton and Sarah Bishop, Their Ancestors and Descendants", 1906).

Edward Benton lived and was buried in Epping, Essex County, England, September 16, 1605. He married there on May 10, 1563, Joane Halloway, who also was buried there on November 4, 1599. Children were baptized at Epping Parish. 1 - Joane, February 13, 1564; 2 - Andrew of whom further; 3 - Edward March 19, 1568 buried.

Andrew Benton was born 2 Dec. 1565, and died 1623, Epping, Essex Co., England, the son of Edward and Joane Halloway Benton. Andrew's wife was Mary or Marie, who died 3 Jan. 1642. Their children were as follows:

1. John Benton, born 1595, Epping Parish, Essex, Eng.; d. Feb. 1662 married Mary Southerwood 25 May 1618
2. Andrew Benton, born 1 Jan. 1598
3. Edward Benton, born 24 Feb. 1600; died Guilford, Conn., 28 Oct. 1680, married 15 Jan. 1626, Alice Purden
4. Ralph Benton, born 13 June 1602
5. Susan Benton, born 10 Mar. 1605
6. Mary Benton, born 16 Oct. 1608; died 6 Mar. 1610 (child)
7. Marie Benton, born 3 Dec. 1612

Edward Benton immigrated to New England with his nephew, Andrew, where both were in Wethersfield as early as 1639. Andrew was allotted land in Milford, Connecticut, in that year. Parcel #64 bought from the

Indians in February of that year, containing three acres situated on west side of Half Mile Brook... This Andrew was son of John Benton and Mary Southerwood. Born 15 Oct. 1620, Essex, England; he died 31 July 1683, Hartford, Conn. and was buried Center Church Cemetery. His wife, Hannah Stocking, was the daughter of George and Anna Stocking, whom he married in 1649. She was deceased prior to 1673. Their children:

1. John Benton, born 9 Apr. 1650, Milford, Conn. Died 24 May 1650
2. Hannah Benton, born 23 Nov. 1651, died 1675; md. John Camps, Jr.
3. Andrew Benton, born 12 Aug. 1653; died 5 Feb. 1704; m. Martha Spener
4. Mary Benton, born 14 Apr. 1655, m. Nathaniel Cole
5. John Benton, born 7 Oct. 1656; d. 30 May 1683
6. Samuel Benton, born 15 Aug. 1658, d. 10 Apr. 1746; m. Sarah Chatterton
7. Joseph Benton, born 1660, d. 12 Aug. 1753, m. Martha Peck; Sarah Waters
8. Dorothy Benton, born 1662.

Andrew married 2nd, Ann Cole, who died 19 Apr. 1685. She was the daughter of John Cole. Their children were Ebenezer, born 4 Jan. 1674, Lydia, born 13 Feb. 1676, Hannah, born 26 Jan. 1679, John born 30 May 1680 and died 4 Sept. 1683.

Andrew's son, Joseph, who married Sarah Waters 10 Feb. 1698, the dau. of Bevil Waters and Sarah Webster, is buried in Good Hill Cem., Kent, Conn. Their children were:

1. Ruth Benton, b. 9 Feb. 1699, Hartford, Conn., d. 6 Oct. 1712
2. Sarah Benton, born 28 Jan. 1701, Hartford, Conn., d. 7 Oct. 1712
3. Isaac Benton, born 8 Feb. 1703
4. Aaron Benton, born 24 Mar. 1705
5. Jemima Benton, born 21 Mar. 1708, m. 24 Jan. 1731, Benjamin Strong
6. Jehiel Benton, born 27 Jan. 1710, d. 30 Oct. 1789; m. Oct. 1731 Sarah Berry
7. Kezia Benton, b. 19 Sept. 1714 (all born Hartford, Conn.)

Joseph's first wife, Martha Peck, was the daughter of Deacon Paul Peck, and by her he had one son, Joseph, Jr., born 1693, Hartford, died 1767, Farmington.

Joseph's son, Isaac Benton, above, died 17 Sept. 1757 at Salisbury, Conn., was married 16 Mar. 1730 to Ruth Norton (born 1708, Mass., died 1760, Conn.). Their children were:

Sarah Benton, born 14 June 1731, Lolland Conn., m. John Towsley
Isaac Benton, born 13 Nov. 1732, d. Jan. 1812, m. 30 Oct. 1755, Jemimia St. John
David Benton, born 23 Jan. 1734, d. 6 Aug. 1797, m. 1758, 8 children
Stephen Benton, born 10 July 1737, d. 10 Nov. 1820, m. 4 May 1759 Prudence Reynolds
Joseph Benton, born 3 Sept. 1740, d. 1761
Nathan Benton, born 28 Feb. 1743, m. 1765 Esther
Levi Benton, born 20 Mar. 1746, Kent, Conn., d. elderly, Franklin Co., Indi., m. 30 Oct. 1769, Mary Woodworth
Ruth Benton, born 23 July 1748
Jehiel Benton, born 9 Aug. 1752, d. 3 June 1753 (infant)

Nathan and Esther had issue: Esther, Betty, Lucy, Anna, and Nathan, (dates of birth and some marriages given). He served as a Private in the Revolutionary War from Guilford in Captain Daniel Hand's Co., Conn. Militia.

Butler

BUTLERS IN ENGLAND AND AMERICA

The Butler Arms are as follows: Arms - Or, a chief indented azure.
Crest - Out of a ducal coronet, or a plume of five ostrich feathers; a falcon rising, argent.
MOTTO - "COMME JE TROUVE"

The Butler shield is one of the oldest on record, which accounts for its simplicity. The ancient shields were often just one color, or divided in half, or with a cross, etc. As more and more families recorded arms through the centuries, the shields became more complicated, until today it is almost impossible to originate an arms not on record somewhere.

The chief is one of the nine Honourable Ordinaries, straight-sided figures occupying about one-third of the surface of the shield, the first charges used on shields to identify the men encased in armour. The indented, or zig-zag division line denotes service on the sea.

The ducal coronet symbolizes nobility; the ostrich plumes signify willing obedience and serenity, according to Guillin, an ancient heraldic authority. The falcon was an Egyptian hieroglyphic of the Sun God; in Heraldry it signifies one eager in the pursuit of an object much desired.

Colors are representative of the personal characteristics of the original bearer and granted upon merit. Azure signifies loyalty; or, generosity, and argent, sincerity.

The Butlers are of Norman origin, and were one of the most noted families who accompanied William the Conqueror to England in 1066. The original name of the family was Fitzwalter, from Walter, one of their ancestors. Theobald Fitzwalter came to Ireland with Henry the Second, who conferred on him the office of chief butler for Ireland, the duty of which was to attend at the coronation of the kings of England and present them with the first cup of wine. From this office the family adopted the name of Butler.

King Henry the Second bestowed on the Butlers large possessions in Ireland, with that lavishness with which English kings have always given away other people's property. In the reign of Edward the Third Tipperary was turned into the County Palatine of Ormond under the Butlers, who possessed of such royal privileges that they ruled almost like kings.

Twenty-five patents ennobling various branches of this family were issued, embracing peerages in England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales, and it is said that no other family has left so many ancient baronial and castellated mansions in Ireland. The Butlers furnished many eminent names to Anglo-Irish history.

In the history of the United States also, the name of this family is honorably conspicuous, Pierce Butler, of the Ormond branch, born in Ireland in 1744, settled in South Carolina previous to the Revolution. He served in the old Congress of 1787, was a member of the convention that framed the Federal Constitution, and represented South Carolina in the United States Senate from 1789 to 1796 and from 1802 to 1804.

Major-General Richard Butler, also a native of Ireland, served with distinction through the Revolutionary War. He was killed and scalped in an engagement with the Indians in 1791. Five of his sons served from Washington. Another of this name, William O. Butler, of Kentucky, whose grandfather came from Ireland served with General Jackson in the Florida War, and as major-general with Taylor.

Among the Revolutionary Soldiers who lived in Georgia were the following:

William Butler - Received 250 acres land in Washington Co.
Edward Butler - Received certificate; removed from Hanover Co., Va. to Georgia 6 Nov. 1783
Benjamin Butler, Lieutenant
Elisha Butler
James Butler
Joseph Butler, member of Provincial Congress
Josiah Butler
Patrick Butler
Pierce Butler, mentioned in British Black List as rebel officer
Shem Butler
John Butler, Certificate of Col. E. Clark, 3 Jan. 1785; served in Batt. of minute men raised for defense of state of Georgia, though not at that time an inhabitant.
John Butler certificate of Col. James Jackson 20 Sept. 1784; entitled to a bounty, prays for 250 acres, Washington Co.
Ford Butler, 25 Mar. 1784, 250 acres bounty land and prays for same in Washington Co., also for 250 acres in Franklin Co.
Daniel Butler Certificate 2 Feb. 1784, refugee soldier; entitled to boundary and prayer for same in Washington Co.
(See Georgia Roster of the Revolution)

THE BUTLER FAMILY IN AMERICA is an excellent source for checking particular genealogical lines.

Butlers in South Carolina married into the tribe of the Cherokees. Thomas Butler was the founder of the family in Maine, arriving there before 1698; Patrick Butler, first of his line in America, was from Carranlea and settled Lebanon, Conn., where he married Mary Bartlett. Many of his descendants settled in New York State.

Thomas Butler, born in 1740, at or near Dublin and came to Blair County, Pa. He served in the Revolution.

Lafayette once said, referring to General Richard Butler, "When I wanted a thing well done, I asked a Butler to do it." He was speaking to George Washington.

Another excellent work in three volumes, on the family of Butler, is "History of the Life of James, Duke of Ormand."

Most families of the name Butler in America today may be traced to the names mentioned in this brief history.

Our Common Ancestor

AQUILLA BENTON
(Elizabeth Paff) *
- Children -

William James Benton (Fannie Willis Franklin)	Bathsheba Benton (Josiah BUTLER)	Thomas Columbus Benton (Mary Ann Myrick)
- Children -	- Children -	- Children -
Elizabeth	Sarah Elizabeth	Susan Ann
John Wesley	Mary Rebecca	Mary Bothsheba
Mattie Amandel	David Turner	Martha Virginia
William Henry	Bathsheba Virginia	Henry B.
Jesse Franklin (stepson)	Solomon Parks	Thomas Joshua
	Benjamin Breedlove	Joseph
	Moses Fleetwood	Charles Hansel
	Susan Pauline	Sarah Jane
	Richard Carlos	Andrew
	Ada Ledell	John Wesley
	Byron Evans	Robert A.
	Joseph Benton	
	Sabina Lettisa	
	Annie White	

* (Note)
Elizabeth Paff (Puff), according to the marriage bond included herein and referred to in the following pages, was born a BREEDLOVE, according to some descendants. Frances Celeste Butler Thomas, one source of this information, says, (quote):

> "Elizabeth Breedlove had two sisters: Polly Breedlove married a very rich man whose name was Puff. The other sister's name was Molly Breedlove. Mr. Puff died and left his wife the Fetherel factory, leaving her very rich. I don't know what became of it after their death. Bothsheba Butler was the only relative left. Probably all went to the State of North Carolina. They lived in Fayetteville and Bothsheba Benton Butler was born there in 1831."

State of North Carolina } Know all men by these
Robeson County } present that I Aquilla
Benton & Daniel McBay — Do Bind ourselves or
hearby is held and firmely bound unto
Burton Esq. Jomenon in the sum of five hundred
Dollars to be found on our goods and Chattels if there
be a default made in the condition hereunto written
the condition of the above obligation is such
that whear as ~~[illegible]~~ the above bonded Aquilla
Benton hath this Day obtaind a license for
an intended Marriage to be had and Solemnized
its rite of Matrimony Betwen him and Elizabeth
Iff Should it appear that nothing ~~[illegible]~~ hear to
obertruct said marriage the above obligation to be Paid otherwise to remain in full
force and Virtue
October 15th 1825 Aquilla Benton

L. H. McLean J.P. D. McBay

MARRIAGE BOND OF AQUILLA BENTON - N.C.

AQUILLA BENTON
1789 - 1869

The name of Aquilla Benton, my great grandfather, was first given me by my father after he was bedfast in his last illness during the year 1942. My father had never mentioned his people or discussed them prior to the awakening of my interest in knowing my foreparents. This was to be the way of this family as I found them in further visits. I found that Aquilla's children's children did not know of the existance of many of their close cousins. The Bentons did not know of the Butlers and the Butlers did not know of the Bentons, in many cases. In my research with the name of Aquilla Benton ever uppermost in my mind, I traveled to Thomasville in Thomas County, Georgia, six times, to Miami, Florida, to St. Mark's in Wakulla County, Florida, and to Brunswick, Georgia. In Raleigh, North Carolina, I learned of their origin in Robson County, North Carolina, where the common ancestor of both Bentons and Butlers was living. Again I visited Raleigh to obtain further information and searched in Washington, D.C., on four different trips.

It was in the last named city in the D.A.R. Building that I found the U.S. Mortality Census Book for Thomas County, Georgia, year of 1870, which told of the death of Aquilla Benton. The census which had been taken June 1, 1870, showed in this record, Page 190, that Aquilla Benton died Dec. 1869, aged 80 years, Thomas County, Georgia, a farmer; with cause of death given as Fistula.

Earlier U.S. Census returns were examined and enumerated in the 1830 Robeson County, N.C., Census, Page 52, Aquilla Benton is between the ages of 30 and 40, having two males (sons) under 5 years of age, and two females, between 20 and 30 years of age. One of these would doubtless be his wife.

Very shortly after, he left that state, for in 1832 he was already in Thomas County, Georgia. In the 1850 U.S. Census for Thomas County, we find Aquilla Benton the first family listed therein. In the 1870 U.S. Census for Thomas County, Elizabeth Benton, widow and blind is enumerated in the home of Thomas Benton, one of her sons.

From Robeson County, North Carolina, Marriage Bonds, photostatic copy of the marriage bond for Aquilla Benton and Elizabeth Paff, copy of which is in this record, was secured. This was dated October 13th, 1825. Many later records verify her given name to have been Elizabeth. Mary Cornelia Benton, daughter of William Henry, granddaughter of Aquilla Benton, commonly and affectionately known as "Aunt Scrap", verified the maiden name of Elizabeth as having been Paff. Without hesitation or prompting, she revealed this name.

Other than the above, nothing is known of the Paff family line, except that Elizabeth may have had a brother who was listed in these same marriage bonds, next to her in the Robeson County index, as Matthew Paff who married Edy Harrell, 26 May 1828, with the marriage performed by Hugh Malloy. Elizabeth's marriage was performed by David Malloy. I am in hopes that the names of Elizabeth's parents will yet be found.

From the Thomas County Court House, Thomasville, Georgia, in the office of the County Judge, also in the Clerk of the Court's office, other documents were found, including the will of Aquilla Benton, which is given herein. Aquilla Benton purchased land in 1851 from John C. Parramore, Lot #124, containing 255 acres: Deed Book F, page 49. Other deeds where

he purchased land are recorded in Deek Book H, Page 77 and Deed Book O, Page 358; while he is selling land in Thomas County in deeds recorded in Deed Book F, Page 369, Deed Book G, Page 21, also page 463; and Deed Book O, Page 362, In 1874, Thomas C. Benton, son, relinquishes his interest in his father's estate, while on Page 363, also Book O, W. J. Benton, and Elizabeth, widow, release Thomas C. Benton from the administration of his father's estate, which is now completed; Basheba Butler, wife of J. E. Butler, also releases her brother, who has paid her $25.00.

Cemeteries were visited and grave inscriptions copied, also photographed in some instances, in obtaining further dates on the family descendants. Names of the cemeteries where buried are given in the individual family records which follow.

AQUILLA BENTON - Born 1789, Robeson County, N.C., his parentage unknown, Died Dec. 1869, Thomasville, Thomas Co., Ga., Married in Robeson Co., N.C., 13 October 1825, to
ELIZABETH PAFF - Born 1800, Robeson County, N.C., her parentage unknown, Died year of 1874, Thomasville, Thomas Co., Ga.

- Children -

1. William James Benton, born 1826, Robeson Co., N.C., married 13 April 1845 Fannie Willis Franklin; married 2nd, Ellan J. -------.
2. Bathsheba Benton, born 18 Aug. 1831, Fayetteville, Cumberland Co., N.C., married 29 Oct. 1849, Hinesville, Liberty Co., Ga., Josiah Evans Butler; she died 26 Mar. 1914, at Short Beach, New Haven Co.,Conn.
3. Thomas Columbus Benton, born 30 June 1834, Thomas Co., Ga., married 23 Oct. 1856, Thomasville, Thomas Co., Ga., Mary Ann Myrick; he died 12 Nov. 1913.

The record which follows contains nearly two hundred families, who are descendants of the above three children of Aquilla Benton. Almost all of these families I have called on personally and the information given was obtained from them either by visit or letter.

These visits culminated in a family reunion on Thanksgiving, November 20, 1956, which was held in Thomasville, of the Benton and Butler clan. At that reunion held in the Coats and Clark recreational area, Mr. Henry Paxton Benton of Thomasville was named President, with Mrs. Margaret Spears, Secretary-Treasurer and myself, Gertie Butler Keller, appointed family representative and genealogist. A play was given as part of the program which depicted the history of the Benton and Butler families from 1825 in N.C., their arrival in Thomas County in 1832, and some Civil War incidents which occurred. Oliver P. Keller was the Master of Ceremonies.

This sketch on Aquilla Benton has been written in lieu of an Introduction, since he as our common ancestor is the introduction to this family record.

Will of Aquilla Benton

State of Georgia)
County of Thomas)

In the name of God Amen !

I Aquilla Benton of the County and State aforesaid being advanced in age of sound disposing mind and memory desiring to dispose of my property & effects as I wish Do make this my last will and testament.

Item 1st I desire & direct that all my just debts be paid by my Executor herein after named.

Item 2d I give & bequeath to my son W. J. Benton Five Dollars in money to be paid to him by my Executor after my death.

Item 3d I give and bequeath to my daughter Basheba Benton wife of J.E. Butler Twenty five Dollars in money to be paid to her by my Executor after my death.

Item 4th I give & bequeath to my son Thomas C. Benton all my property both real & personal of any kind and description of which I may die possessed after satisfying & paying off the foregoing gifts to my son and daughter to be turned over to him & paid to him by my Executor after my death.

Item 5th I hereby constitute nominate & appoint my beloved Son T. C. Benton Executor to & of this my last will and testament.

Aquilla his X mark Benton

Signed and sealed by Aquilla Benton as his last will & testament in presence of us as Subscribing Witnesses thereto. At his special instance & request in his presence and in the presence of each. This 27th day of November A.D. 1869

Robert Love
Rebecca Floyd
B. F. Floyd

Recorded January 3rd 1870
H. H. Tooke, Ordinary

(Ref: Page 250 - Record of Wills, Book "H", Thomas County, Georgia)

Georgia, Thomas County
Court of Ordinary January 3d 1870 Regular Term
It appearing to the Court that the last will of Aquilla Benton of said County deceased has this day been proven in common form upon the Oath of Robt. Love witness & no objection filed in Court thereto.....It is ordered that Said will be admitted to record in said Court.

H. H. Tooke Ordinary

STATE OF GEORGIA, Thomas County
I, A. M. Singletary, Ordinary and ex-officio Clerk of the Court of Ordinary of said County, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of the Proceedings in the probate of the Will of Aquilla Benton, deceased, later of Said County, together with copy of the Inventory and Appraisement of the estate of Aquilla Benton, deceased.... (SEAL) 22nd March, 1955 (s).

The preceding certification by Judge Singletary covered also the following instruments recorded in connection with the administration of the estate of Aquilla Benton.

Georgia, Thomas County

Court of Ordinary Jany. 3d 1870

Thomas C. Benton, Executor to the last will and testament of Aquilla Benton this day produced in Court the last will of said Aquilla Benton now deceased for the purpose of Probate and also produced Robert Love one of the subscribing witnesses to the same, which witness being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he saw said Aquilla Benton Sign publish and declare said last will to be his last will and testament freely voluntarily, and without any compulsion whatever and of his own accord for the purpose therein named and that he subscribed the same as witness and saw Rebecca Floyd and B. F. Floyd subscribe the same as witnesses in the presence of each other and in presence of Testator and at his special instance and request. On the day and time specified in said will and that testator was at the time of sound disposing mind and memory.

Sworn To Subscribed before me the 3d day of Jn. 1870
H. H. Tooke, Ordinary

Georgia, Thomas County

We do Certify upon Oath That so far as was produced to us by T C Benton the Executor of the Estate of Aquilla Benton late of said County deceased the foregoing contains a true Inventory and appraisement of the goods Chattles lands and tenoments of said deceased to the best of our judgment And we further Certify that we were all duly sworn according to law to perform this duty. Given under our hands and official signatures this the 20th day of February 1874.

B. F. Bloyd
William Fleetwood
T. W. Parramore
George E. Smith

The following is a list of
The Appraisment

183 acres of land valued at	$200.00	$200.00
9 head of Cattle valued at	$5.00 per head	45.00
2 head of goats valued at 50 cts. per head		1.00
1 feather bed & cover valued at		7.00
1 bedstead valued at		1.00
1 Lot of Kitchen furniture valued at		8.00
1 box of Books valued at		2.00
1 box of shoe tools & lasts valued at		3.00
1 grindstone valued at		1.50
7 chains at 50¢ apiece value		3.50
Contents of Smoke House valued at		3.00
One book Table one tub one bucket		.75
1 lot of shaving utensils		1.00
		$ 286.75

Recorded April 15th 1874
Appraisers in foregoing instrument: George E. Smith, John W. Parramore, Benager Phillips, B. F. Floyd, David T. Owens. Joseph W. Seward, Ordinary
(Ref: Page 225, Book I, Records of Inventory & Appraisements)

The Benton Kindred in Alabama

That some of Aquilla Benton's kindred had removed to Alabama, to Coffee and Barber Counties, is proven by the contents of two of the old letters to him which have been preserved.

From Mont Andrew, Barbof County, a letter dated April 14th, 1850, is addressed to "Dear Brother", and the outside of the letter is directed to John Harel, Sowns Conty, Sharp Post Office, Gorgia. From other references in Bathsheba Benton Butler's letters, it would seem that John Harel may have been a brother-in-law to Aquilla. This letter from Mont Andrew, is signed, "your efecttionate sister till deth", Charrata Packos, Charles Elliott. The writer states that all her daughters are married but the two youngest and that she is living with her son-in-law Charles Elliott, (whose name she also signs at the bottom of the letter). She asks about sister Mary, Father and Mother. She states that her son Lewis is dead. That her youngest son, Phane and wife Soosay and family live in Stewart Co., Ga., and has five children; that daughter Mary and family live in Russell Co., Ala., with five children and another expected; Matildy, evidently another daughter, lives in Russell County, Ala.; Martha, still another daughter, married rich, has no children but is expecting one. She mentions Brother Dempsey.

A letter from Elbia, Coffee Co., Ala., is not signed, but is directed to "Dear Brother and Sister, Aquilla Benton,"written December 25, 1864. However, though there is no signature, the reader is requested to direct letters to Elbia, Coffee County, Alabama, to Mr. A. R. Haney. Son Henry has been wounded and died; Ben was wounded, with leg nearly shot off but was recovering, (another son). Son Andrew Jackson was at home but expecting to return to the army. And Prissiler, daughter, lives in Eufaula, Barber County, Alabama; Jackson's wife is mentioned as having had two children, the youngest deceased and the other is here with his mother. The writer asks about Elizabeth's sisters.

Research has not been made into the places mentioned in the above letters, which it is sure will reveal further information on these kindred of Aquilla Benton.

One family tradition which has not been proven by the writer, states that Aquilla Benton's parents lived in Boston, Mass., and that the old Benton homestead has been permitted to stand preserved and fenced, being used as a tourist attraction.

Time has not permitted research into all possibilities for further links in the Benton and Butler background, and this work is one that is never finished. Plans for the future include investigation of the above details given for your information only.

William James Benton
(1826 - after 1880)

This first son of Aquilla and Elizabeth Benton was born in the year of 1826, in Robeson County, North Carolina. He is apparently one of the two young males shown in the household of Aquilla Benton in the 1830 census of Robeson County, page 52. Since Thomas Columbus Benton, the next son, was not born until 1834, and family tradition says there were only the two sons and one daughter born to Aquilla, it is assumed that the other young male may have been the son of the other woman listed in Aquilla's household.

Having moved with his parents, brother and sister, and perhaps other family members to Thomas County, Georgia, it was here that our subject, William James Benton, married 13th April 1845, Fannie Willis who had been previously married to a Mr. Franklin. Their marriage is recorded in Book B., Page 126, Thomas County, Georgia.

Fannie Willis Franklin had a son Jesse Franklin who was raised as Jesse A. Benton, using his step-father's name. Born in 1836, he married Phoebe, (maiden name unknown). According to one member of William's family, Jesse, taken prisoner during the Civil War, changed his name to Jesse John Arnold to save his life. His marriage occurred in Texas, and he later moved to Salt Center, Minnesota, where he reared children and his descendants are still in that area. He lived also in Little Falls, Minnesota, and served as Postmaster in both these Minnesota cities. His service record in the war has not been sought by this researcher.

In 1860, William James Benton is still living in Thomas County, and his family consists of the following:

1. Elizabeth Benton, born 1846, married 10 Nov. 1860, Elias Arnold.
2. John Wesley Benton, born 1848, married 18 April 1869, Martha Adams.
3. Mattie Amandel Benton, born 1850, married 1665, Jim C. Coulter
4. William Henry Benton, Jr., born 1854, died 29 July 1934, married 11 Aug. 1875, Sarah Frances Taylor.

By 1870, William had joined some of his kindred Bentons in the little village of St. Marks, Wakulla County, Florida. (Living descendants of these Bentons who came early to Florida, do not know their relationship with William, but that there was a close relationship, we have no doubt, and so have included them in this book). William was enumerated in the 1870 census of Wakulla County, Page 769, House #7, and his occupation was shown as "Fisherman". In the 1880 census, also Wakulla County, William is living yet at St. Marks, House 389, Page 431, a fisherman.

After his removal to Wakulla Co., Florida, William married Ellan J., born 1847 in South Carolina. Her maiden name is unknown.

No record of the family of Elizabeth Benton Arnold, William's first child, is contained in our records at this time. It is presumed that she as well as William's other children remained in Thomas County, Ga., where they reared their families. (Note: A letter dated June 1956 from Mary C. Benton, advises that this couple, Elizabeth and Elias Arnold, had no issue).

Children of John Wesley Benton, (son of William James Benton), and his wife, Martha Adams, born 1846, Thomas County, Georgia:

1. Barbara Alice Benton, born 16 July 1870, died 5 Jan. 1938
   Married her second cousin, Charles Hansel Benton (see index for children)
2. William Wesley ("Buddie") Benton, born 30 July 1872, d. 22 Oct. 1886
3. David Lee Benton, born 1874, married Florence M. Hagan
4. Missie Nancy Benton, born 5 Jan. 1876, died 18 Mar. 1881
   - All born in Thomas County, Georgia

Children of David Lee Benton, Sr., (son of John Wesley, grandson of Wm. James Benton), and his wife Florence M. Hagan who was born 29 Mar. 1890 and died 15 Aug. 1934, buried at Ochlochnee, Thomas Co., Ga.:

1. Ruby Lee Benton, born 12 Oct. 1906, died 5 Dec. 1923
2. Charles Chester Benton, born 18 Jan. 1908, m. 1930, Susie Elizabeth Busbee 1st, and Erma Wishorn, 2nd. (see index for his children, listed under descendants of Thomas Columbus Benton).
3. Lester Benton
4. James Benton
5. Lucy Benton m. Elden Hickie
6. David Lee Benton, Jr., born 1915, m. Paul Elwell
7. Burton Benton, killed in an accident by another boy when 12 years old.
8. Julius Benton
9. Woodrow Wilson Benton, born 10 Sept. 1925; died 24 Aug. 1931 (child)
10. Franklin Eugene Benton (all born Thomas County)

Mattie Amandel Benton, (dau. of Wm. James Benton), and Jim C. Coulter, born 12 Feb. 1834, Maine, died 8 May 1896, buried Ochlochnee, Fredonia Church, Georgia, had no issue.

Children of William Henry Benton, (son of William James Benton), and Sarah Frances Taylor, born 10 Jan. 1855, Thomas Co., died there also, on 14 Jan. 1933, daughter of Soloman and Martha Cunningham Taylor:

1. Jessie Benton, born 14 Sept. 1876, married Albert Oden; died Big Ochlochnee.
2. Mary Cornelia ("Scramp") Benton, born 8 Aug. 1879, married Thomas Joshua Benton, 1st; (see index for their family under the descendants of Thomas Columbus Benton); she married 2nd, Bob White.
3. Nellie Mae Benton, born 21 May 1882, died 22 May 1952, bur. Loreal Cem.; married Robert G. W. Bond
4. William Taylor ("Dock") Benton, born 11 Sept. 1885, m. May Bell Webb, 1st; and Lillie Yokey, 2nd.
5. James Frederick Benton, born 11 Jan. 1889, m. Kate Golden 1st; and 2nd, _____. He is bur. Big Ochlochnee Cemetery.
6. John Wesley Benton, born 2 May 1892, m. Betty Carter; bur. Loreal Cem.
7. Harry Colter Benton, born 4 Nov. 1895; m. Bertha Robinson, 1st; and 2nd, Celesta Pitts.

Children of Nellie Mae Benton, (dau. of William Henry, gr-dau. William James Benton), and Robert G. W. Bond, born 23 Oct. 1878, Marion Co., Ga., the son of Jerry and Esther (Kidd) Bond:

1. Effie Leola Bond, born 20 Apr. 1901; m. 18 July 1919, Gordon Yeakey; 2nd, 1945, William Jackson.

2. Lillian Frances Bond, born 12 Aug. 1905, m. 1 June 1924, Jack Floyd
3. Jerry Bill Leon Bond, born 21 Jan. 1907, m. 12 Sept. 1926, Nina Mae Palmer
4. Lola Mae Bond, born 9 May 1909, m. 23 Dec. 1925, Gordon Palmer
5. Grace Louise Bond, born 25 Jan. 1912, m. 14 Nov. 1931, Anderson Carter
6. Lonnie Elizabeth Bond, born 28 Dec. 1913, died 17 Mar. 1916
7. Vera Beulah Bond, born 8 Dec. 1915, m. 27 Mar. 1930, m. J. D. Hasty
8. Myrtis Mozell Bond, born 7 Nov. 1918, m. 14 Nov. 1931 (12 Dec. 1930), William Henry Lewis
9. Hazel Eleise Bond, born 5 Feb. 1921, m. 8 July 1940, J. N. Carter
10. Marie Bond, born 21 June 1923, m. 21 Dec. 1941, Ernest Henderson
11. Haywood Robert Cecil Bond, born 29 May 1925 (all born Thomas County)

Children of Lola Mae Bond (dau. of Robert G. W. Bond and Nellie Mae Benton, g-dau. of Wm. Henry, gg-dau. of Wm. James Benton), and Gordon Palmer, Sr., born 24 Nov. 1928, Marion Co., Ga., son of Charlie and Ennis (Parks) Palmer:

1. Gordon Palmer, Jr., born 23 Nov. 1928, m. 1 July 1950, Juanita Thomas
2. Leon Palmer, born 17 Feb. 1931
3. Eva Nell Palmer, born 23 Apr. 1933, m. 24 Apr. 1955, Marion Bacon
(all the above born Thomas Co., Ga.)
4. Willie Mae Palmer, born 25 Nov. 1935, Charleston, S.C.
5. Betty Jean Palmer, born 24 Sept. 1940, Thomas Co., Ga.
6. Gwendolyn Palmer, born 26 Jan. 1946, Thomas Co., Ga.

Children of Gordon Palmer, Jr., (son of Lola Mae Bond, g-son of Nellie Mae Benton, gg-son of Wm. Henry, ggg-son of Wm. James Benton), and Juanita Thomas, dau. of Dock and Lettie Mae (Carter) Thomas:

1. Gordon Palmer, III, born 22 Aug. 1953

Children of Eva Nell Palmer, (dau. of Lola Mae Bond, g-dau. of Nellie Mae Benton, gg-dau. of Wm. Henry, ggg-dau. of Wm. James Benton), and Marion Bacon, born 9 May 1929, Savannah, Chatham Co., Ga., son of H. V. Bacon:

1. Mernell Bacon (daughter), born 18 May 1956, Savannah, Chatham

Children of William Taylor Benton, (Dock Benton), (son of Wm. Henry Benton), and May Belle Webb, dau. of Mark and Rilla (Bass) Webb:

1. Wallace W. Benton, born 1921, Thomas Co., Ga.
2. James Solomon Benton, born 1923, Thomas Co., Ga.

Children of James Frederick Benton, born 11 Jan. 1889, (son of Wm. Henry Benton), and Kate Golden, dau. of Martin and Senie (Jones) Golden:

1. Amory Benton
2. L. D. Benton
3. Lois Benton
4. Doris Benton
5. Francis Benton (all born Thomas Co., Ga.)

Children of John Wesley Benton, (son of Wm. Henry Benton), and Betty Carter, dau. of William J. and Annie (Myrick) Carter:

1. infant daughter Benton, born and died 1914, Thomas Co., Ga.
2. Eunice Benton, born 14 Nov. 1916, Thomas Co., m. Carl Turner.

Children of Eunice Benton, (dau. of John Wesley, g-dau. of Wm. Henry Benton), and Carl Turner, son of Jim and Hattie (Robinson) Turner:

1. Sue Turner, born 1941, Miami, Dade Co., Fla.

Children of Harry Colter Benton, (son of Wm. Henry Benton), and Bertha Robinson, born 13 Feb. 1902, dau. of Tom and Emma (Jones) Robinson:

1. Horace Chester Benton, born 1 Apr. 1921, Grady Co., Ga., m. Marion Snowden, born 8 July 1923, Pineapple, Wilcox Co., Ala. (no issue).
2. Myrtle Nadine Benton, born 20 July 1923, Grady Co., m. Hubert Skaggs
3. Marlin Lessley Benton, b. 4 Oct. 1925, Thomas Co., m. Jane Richardson
4. Delmar Eugene Benton, born 29 Oct. 1927, Thomas Co.

Myrtle Nadine Benton, (dau. of Harry Colter Benton, g-dau. of Wm. Henry Benton, and gg-dau. of Wm. James Benton), and her husband Hubert Skaggs, born Garfield, Ky., died Buckinridge Co., Ky., son of Perry and Lillie (Lawson) Skaggs, had no issue. They were married Big Springs, Ky.

Marlin Lessley Benton, (son. of Harry Colter, g-son of Wm. Henry, and gg-son of Wm. James Benton), and his wife, Jane Richardson, born 10 Mar. 1930, Chatham Co., N.C., dau.of T. M. and Essie (Simmons) Richardson, have no issue.

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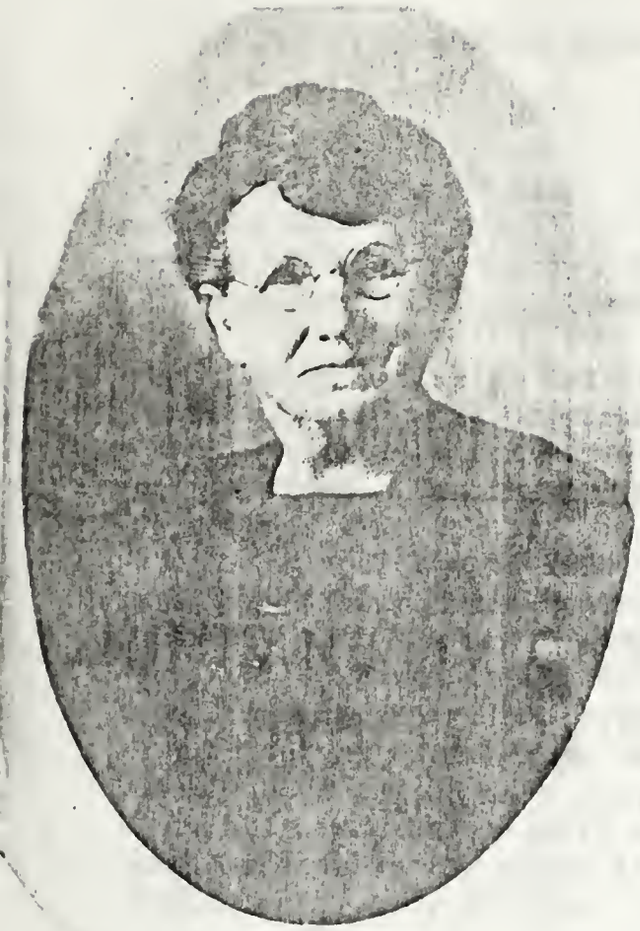
References: 1830 Robeson Co. N.C. U.S. Census; 1860 Thomas Co. Ga. U.S. Census; 1870 Wakulla Co. Fla. U.S. Census; Mary Cornelia Benton White; Susie Elizabeth Busbee; Charles Wallce Benton, 2911 Hubbard St., Jacksonville, Fla.; Tombstones in Smith Cemetery, Ochlochnee, Ga., near Fredonia Church; Harry Colter Benton, 228 W. Washington St., Thomasville, Ga.; Robert G. W. Bond bible, Thomasville, Ga.; Lola Mae Bond; (Mary Cornelia Benton White's address, Route 1, Ochlochnee, Georgia). Other references used where indicated in the above family record of the family of William James Benton.



PAULINE BUTLER SHERBY

SOLOMON PARKS BUTLER
SARAH FRANCES McKENZIE

JOSIAH EVANS BUTLER - BATHSHEBA BENTON

(1821 - 1903) (1831 - 1914)

Josiah Evans Butler, one of eight sons, who had only one sister, born to JOHN and SARAH BUTLER, was one of five males listed in the 1840 census of Liberty County, Georgia, in the household of this couple who had removed from North Carolina to Georgia.

Though buried in Trinity Cemetery, Hinesville, Liberty County, Georgia, many years previous with the markers long since gone, John and Sarah Butler have not yet been forgotten by all who knew them in their neighborhood. One who is the widow of the town's only physician some years back, was the person to whom I was sent when I sought the oldest permanent resident of Hinesville. To her I went with one question. Did you know Josiah Evans Butler's parents, and what their names were? She answered that she well remembered them. She recalled that as a child she used to see Sarah Butler sitting on the front row of church, her usual seat, wearing her black bonnet with a cape which covered her shoulders, and how the sight awed her to where she could still visualize her. She recalled how John and Sarah's son, Josiah, would walk to church, about two miles from his home, which still stands out of Hinesville, while his wife, Bathsheba drove the wagon in to church with all the children aboard. Josiah came early to have a visit with his parents before service.

My informer recalled also how she had been used to go to Josiah's home to play, and recalled him as kindly toward little ones and would swing her in his children's swing which hung from his tall grape arbor. Once while there, she recalls a stranger came selling grandfather clocks, and Josiah purchased one. When she returned home, she found that in her absence from home, her father had also purchased one. During our visit, she took me in and showed me the clock, a twin to the one my father brought home from the funeral of his father, Josiah.

Lottie Butler, wife of Carlos, my father's brother, in Brunswick, Georgia, told me that one of Josiah's brothers was the Rev. William Butler; that another brother was named Mack. And in the letters quoted herein, Bathsheba mentions the brother, Jessie, who the records show was born 1815 and married 29 June 1836, Margaret R. Mikell. The only daughter in this family was Elizabeth who married a Mr. Bradley.

Jessie Butler, mentioned above as son of John and Sarah, was born in 1812 according to the census; and according to Liberty County records, and U.S. Census, he and Margaret (born 1800), had at least these children: William H., born 1837; Cornelia E., born 1840; and Samuel C., born 1842, whose wife was Mary A.

John Butler must have outlived his wife Sarah, who we are told, was Sarah Eliza, but her maiden name is unknown to us. John Butler was listed in the 1860 Liberty County census as 76 years of age, which would indicate that he was born about the year 1784. He does not appear in the 1870 U. S. Census, Liberty County. The Butler heads of the household for that year included his son Josiah Evans with ten of his children listed therein; James (aged 36) and Martha (aged 30) Butler; and a Mathew (aged 56) and Sarah (aged 50) Butler; the last two are not identified by us. This census indicated that Josiah lived in the Taylors Creek community, and was enumerated on Page 118 of this 1870 census.

Bathsheba Benton, living in Thomas County, went up to Hinesville, to visit her aunt and uncle, the above John and Sarah Butler. Her letters, and that of her daughter, unfold a little of the story of her life and separation from her beloved parents. (Letters in full quoted herein). The letter of 16 December 1849, written to her parents, tells of her conversion to the Methodist Church, and of her marriage to her cousin, Josiah Butler, and she begs her parents to "not be angry with me". She mentions her only two brothers in this letter, (she had no sisters). A letter apparently written by Josiah in August of 1850 tells of their baby girl. Another letter appears, written many years later, by another daughter born to Josiah and Bathsheba, (1876), and from its contents, the story is verified that apparently the parents never did offer the forgiveness that Bathsheba begged of them because of her marriage to her cousin. This daughter's letter tells of her mother's longing for her family she has not seen for so long. Her letter is directed to her uncle T. C. Benton (Thomas Columbus Benton).

Copies of original letters as made and notarized 27 September 1956:

"16 Decmeber 1849

"My dear Father and Mother,

"I now take up my pen to write you a few lines to let you know how I have been coming on since I left your house. Many have been the changes since I saw my beloved Father and Mother. In the first place, I found myself a lost sinner, and have fled to my Saviour for refuge and I trust have found him precious to my soul, and I hope my dear parents will not be angry with me when I tell them I have united myself to the Methodist Church. I think that I will try to serve the Lord what time I have got to live and I hope my dear parents join with me to prepare for that life that shall never end. What are this life? It is a (unreadable). The time is short when we will have to give an account for the deeds done in the body. Therefore, my dear and beloved parents, let me intreat you to give your heart to the Lord, and let us try to live so that we will make one family in heaven.

"I hope my dear parents will not be angry with me when I tell them that I was married on the 30 of October to Cousin Josiah. We soon found an attachment for each other and I hope through the blessings of God we will be able to live. The cause of my marying so soon I will tell you when I see you and when you know all things you will not blame me. I do beg you will not get angry until I see you and explaine the whole to you.

"I would be glad to know whether you entend moveing out this winter. I think you might do good bussiness here at your trade. Remember me to my two brothers, to Uncle Pherny Harrell and wife. My love to Uncle Levy Carter and wife, and I would be glad to hear from them and to receive a letter from them. I want to know if you have heard from Brother Andrew. I have look a long time for an answer to the letter I sent, but have dispaired of getting one. If you will come, my little brother can get a good education and it wont cost him a cent as all poor children are educated free. I hope my dear Father will move here. I think this is a much better place than Thomas and I am very anxious to see you once more. Do come.

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"Josiah sends his love to Father and Mother and hopes they will pardon him for taking there daughter. I must tell you my chance for liveng. Josiah has a horse, cattle, and hogs in a bundance. Own place. We will have to settle as there is neither house or land cleared. He had moneye enough by him to get a good many things to commence on, and I am now staying with his brother Josse quilting and fixing for housekeeping as I expect to move in a week or two. So farewell my dear Father and Mother. I remain your affectionate daughter

(s) Bersheba Butler"

(Letter: outside reads: Hinesville, Georgia, 21 August

Mr. Aquilla Benton
Thomas County, Thomasville Post Office, Georgia)

"Liberty County
August 10th 1850

"Dear Father and Mother,

"I take this favorable oppertuncty of addressing you these few lines hopeing they may find you all enjoying the blessings of health as it leaves us at present. Thanks be unto the giver of all good and gracious gifts. I can state I have been very unwell in June but Bathsheba has enjoyed good health throughout the year. She is now as happy as women gets to be with a fine large daughter. According to age it was born July the 30th and it and her is well.

"Crops have failed by one half except cotton which looks very promising though some calculates to make among by the help of peas. Father and family are all well and sends their respects to you and yours. We have written to you and have received no answers which makes us full uneasy about the health of the family. We had a meeting at Hinesville today in order to discuss the questions now pending. The Missouro Compromise went down as slick as grease, after a great deal of discussion. Bethesheba wants to know how Uncle Furneys Harrell family is and she wishes to be remembered to them and all enquiring friends -- as liking Grandmother and if Uncle Daniel has got his children with him or not.

"There is a place to sell about two miles from me for sale in an excellent range for cattle and hogs. If you could dispose of yours I wish you would come and look at it, and if you have a notion of moving in here I think it would suit you. The price is $300 with reasonable terms to pay it in. The school house is only one mile from it also the church. Where is Lacy Simmons? Is he a preaching yet? I will come to a close by signing. Your ever affectionate son and daughter

(s) "Josiah Butler and Bethesheba"

(Letter)

"Georgia, Liberty County
December 12, 1869.

"Deare Brother

"I take the pleasure of writing you a few lines to let you know that we are yet the spairds momments of the kinds merses of Gog blessings and we are onjoying a reasenable porshion of health by his blessings and we hope these few lines may find you all well.

"We received a leter from you dated the 1 of Decemb and was glad to hear from you all wonst more, but was sorrow to hear that Father was sick. We hope he is beter and thes few lines may find him well. We have riten severl letters to him and have not got a letter from him since last June was a year ago and also we riten severl to you and got no answers. We hope you will rite as soon as you git this and let us know how you all are and how Father is and how Mother is and how you all are giting along through life jernery. We want to see you all very mutch. We wod go to see you all if we coed but the times is hard and money is scarse and I don't know yet whether Bathshaba can go to see you or not. We was in hop you would come to see us about Christmas.

"I have not any thing werth you atenshion, so I will close by saying we stille remain your brother and sister untel death. From J. E. Butler and B. Butler to T. C. Benton and family. Give our love and respects to Father and Mother and all inquiren friends."

(Letter)

"Hinesville, Georgia
January 31, 1876

Mr. T. C. Benton --

"Deare uncle, I take my pen in hand to inform you that we are all well an injoying good health and hope thes few lines will fiend you all the same. Deare uncle, mother asked me to rito to you and I never wrote to a starnge in my life, but Deare uncle, do please excuse bad writing and spling. I have no news to tell you but thay ear all geting married areung heare and leaving me by my self, but thay is not ony part boys abouught heare worth looking at. Beckah had to marriey Mr. Hines. Do you think she levs him? She says she loves him but I do not bleave hear. How could I love sush an old man is he is. Sallie is in Savannah. I expect she will marriey some old man.

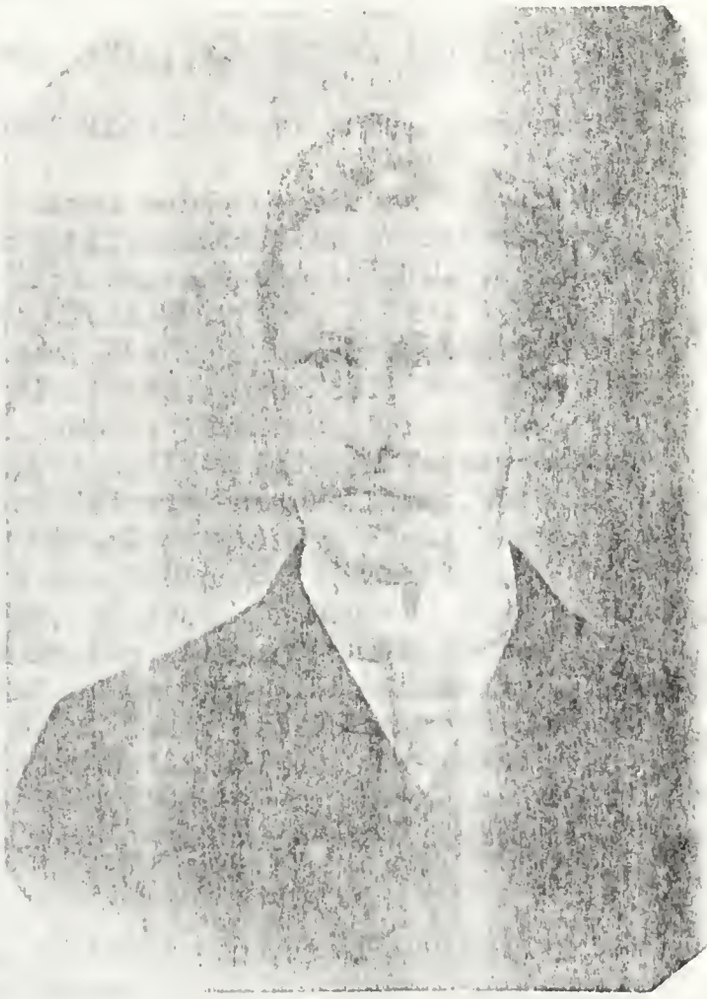
"Mother says you must come to see us. She wonts to see you once more in life. She setes an studes over childhoeds days. She says thay is but too an that is you an hear. She would come to see you but she is not hear one. She has often tryed to come but has faild. She says you must come to see hear for she wonts to see you the worse kind.

"I will close my bad letter for I am a shand of it. Mother send hear love to you all an I send my love also."

"Bathshaba Virginia Butler
B. V. B.

SABINA BUTLER SMITH

JOSIAH EVANS BUTLER
& BATHSHEBA FENTON



Josiah Evans Butler, born 21 Oct. 1821, died 2 Aug. and was buried 4 Aug. 1902 at Trinity Church, Liberty County, Georgia. The son of John and Sarah Eliza Butler, he married his cousin, Bathsheba Benton, on 29 October 1849, marriage performed by Rev. E. Andrews, Hinesville, Liberty County, Georgia. She was the daughter of Aquilla Benton and Elizabeth Paff, and was born 18 Aug. 1831, died 26 Mar. 1914, was buried 30 Mar. 1914, Trinity cemetery. However, she died at Short Beach, New Haven, Conn., at the home of her daughter "Binnie" (Sabina Lettisa Butler) Smith. To Josiah and Bathsheba were born the following children:

1. Sarah Elizabeth Butler, born 30 July 1850; died Oct. 1875; unmarried
2. Mary Rebecca Butler, born 29 Oct. 1851; died 1900; m. 26 June 1873 Robert C. Hines, 1st; m. Jim Boston, 2nd.
3. David Turner Butler, born 11 Feb. 1853; died 1866; unmarried
4. Bathsheba Virginia Butler, born 25 July 1854, d. 24 Nov. 1932; m. 7 Oct. 1880, Cayetano Rodriguez
5. Solomon Parks Butler, born 19 Jan. 1856, d. May 1895; m. Sarah Frances McKinzie
6. Benjamin Broedlove Butler, born 12 Aug. 1857, died 1869; unmarried
7. Moses Fleetwood Butler, born 26 Dec. 1858, died 12 June 1882; unmd.
8. Susan Pauline Butler, born 21 Sept. 1860, d. 15 Jan. 1947; m. Alford Sherby
9. Richard Carlos Butler, born 31 Mar. 1862; d. 28 Feb. 1941; m. 19 Feb. 1890, Lottie Ann Coakley
10. Ada Ledell Butler, born 4 Apr. 1864, d. 20 Feb. 1949; m. Mr. Hando
11. Byron Evans Butler, born 29 Nov. 1867, d. 10 Oct. 1910, m. susie Mae Noble.
12. Joseph Benton Butler, born 30 Jan. 1869, died 19 May 1951; m. 25 Oct. 1903, Bertha Elizabeth Wilson
13. Sabina Lettisa ("Binnie"), born 18 Jan. 1871, d. 28 Nov. 1951; m. 10 July 1894, Samuel Eddie Smith
14. Annie White Butler, born 26 Sept. 1873, died 1 Sept. 1882, unmarried

The above family record is a bible record owned by Bertha E. Butler. The records of these children and their families have been substantiated, added to, and extended by search of the 1850 through the 1880 U.S. Census; letters quoted herein; letter from Bessie Hines Stafford, 3 Dec. 1954, from Hinesville, Ga.; Sarah E. Hines Shainer, Miami, Fla., from bible record; Nollie Clair Schmacker, Eustis, Fla.; Mrs. Edna Ball, Box 907, Eustis, Fla.; Josephine Prim Brockington, 306 W. 35th St., Norfolk 8, Va.; G. E. Birn, 824 W. Woodward Ave., Eustis, Fla.; Solomon Parks Butler, 409 Williams St., Portsmouth, Va.; Frances Celeste Butler Thomas, 813 N. Fern Creek, Orlando, Fla.; Malcolm C. McCall of Quincy, Fla.; Wonnie Buell Miller, Sr., Attapulgus, Ga.; Susie Mae Noble, R. 1, Box 133, Hinesville, Ga.; Lottie Ann Coakley Butler, 3d Ave., Brunswick, Ga.; Stella Inez Williams, 2618 South St., S. Jacksonville, Fla.; Charles Benton Williams; Patricia Stephens Williams, 2218 South St., S. Jacksonville, Fla.; George and Mildred Butler, Orange Park, Fla., Cecil and Marguerita Butler, Jacksonville, Fla.; Walter Earl and Bertie Lucille Melvin, Jacksonville; Stella Butler Smith and Stella Smith Girdwood, New Haven, Conn.; as well as vital statistics and cemetery records which will be quoted in some instances.

The grandchildren of the above couple, their children, and children's children, are contained in the following pages.

Josiah Evans Butler & Bathsheba Benton - Descendants

Children of Mary Rebecca Butler, (dau. of Josiah Evans Butler), and Robert Charlton Hines, Sr.:

1. Bessie Hines, born 23 Mar.1875, m. 9 Dec. 1893, James David Stafford
2. Sarah Elizabeth Hines, born 17 July 1876, m. Robert Lyons Shaiver
3. Robert Charlton Hines, Jr., born 6 Dec. 1878
4. Beulah Lee Hines, born 7 Sept. 1883 (all born Hinesville, Ga.)

Children of Bessie Hines, (dau. of Mary Rebecca Butler, g-dau. Josiah E. Butler), and James David Stafford, Sr., born 12 Apr. 1870, d. 30 Oct. 1932:

1. Leta Rebecca Stafford, born 11 Oct. 1894, m. G. C. Saunders
2. Ida Hines Stafford, born 5 May 1896, m. Rufus M. Ryon
3. Bessie Ethel Stafford, born 19 Feb. 1898, m. Raymond Morgan
4. Ruth Conley Stafford, born 12 Oct. 1899, m. Charles Smith
5. Teressa Stafford, born 7 Dec. 1901, m. Henry Smith
6. James David Stafford, born 28 Dec. 1903, m. Kathleen Knight; killed in auto wreck, 23 years of age
7. Robert Stafford, born 30 July 1907, m. Eunice Hodges
8. Nuton Harold Stafford, born 2 4 Jan. 1910, m. Nellie Dawson
9. Kathleen Stafford, born 8 June 1911, m. Carl Varnedoe

Children of Bessie Ethel Stafford, (dau. of Bessie Hines, g-dau. of Mary Rebecca Butler, gg-dau. Josiah E. Butler), and Raymond Morgan, Sr.:

1. Peggie Morgan m. G. B. Unice, Jr.
2. Frances Morgan m. Joseph Patti
3. Raymond Morgan, Jr.
4. Bessie Hines Morgan

Children of Peggie Morgan, (dau. of Bessie Ethel Stafford, g-dau. Bessie Hines, gg-dau. Mary Rebecca Butler, ggg-dau. Josiah E. Butler), and G. B. Unice, Jr.:

1. Peggie Lea Unice, born 25 Jan. 1949, Jacksonville, Duval Co., Fla.

Children of Sarah Elizabeth Hines, (dau. of Robert Charlton Hines, Sr., and Mary Rebecca Butler, g-dau. of Josiah E. Butler) and Robert Lyons Shaiver, born 8 Mar. 1857, Baltimore, Md., d. 28 Dec. 1904, Waycross, Ware Co., Ga.:

1. William Lattiner Shaiver, born 8 Dec. 1893, Tifton, Tift Co., Ga. Died 1897; (child)
2. Mary Roberta Shaiver, born 20 June 1895, Union Springs, Ala., m. Thomas E. Grady
3. Robert Elliott Shaiver, born 7 Jan. 1898, Hinesville, Ga.; m. Mary Louise Ward
4. Helen Cecilia Shaiver, born 1 Oct. 1901, Savannah, Chatham Co., Ga., m. Steadman Stahla

Children of Bathsheba Virginia Butler, (dau. of Josiah E. Butler), and Cayetano Onofro Rodriguez, born 12 June 1850, Puerto Principe, Cuba, died 18 Sept. 1926, Macon, Bibb Co., Ga., son of Mateo and Rufina (Montio) Rodriguez:

1. Reuben Eladio Rodriguez, b. 26 Oct. 1881, d. 4 Apr. 1883 (child)

2. Rufina Juanita Rodriguez, born 24 Dec. 1883, m. 20 June 1906, William Mims Fitts
3. Josie Evans Rodriguez, born 18 Nov. 1885, m. 21 Dec. 1904, Jaime Raldos Prim
4. Hortencia Virginia Rodriguez,,born 30 June 1887, d. 1 Aug. 1883 (child)
5. Nellie Clair Rodriguez, born 8 Feb. 1890, d. 13 Mar. 1958, m. Ernest Martin Schnecker
6. Bessie Corine Rodriguez, born 13 Mar. 1892, d. 23 June 1935; m. Alonzo Laudric Baskin (all the above born Hinesville, Liberty Co., Ga.)
7. Edna Frances Rodriguez, born 21 Oct. 1893, Brunswick, Glynn Co., Ga. Married George Vasile Economopoulos

Children of Rufina Juanita Rodriguez, (dau. of Bathsheba Virginia Butler, g-dau. Josiah E. Butler), and William Mims Fitts, born 29 Nov. 1878, West Point, Troup Co., Ga., d. 12 Jan. 1954, Macon, Ga., son of Robert Charlton and Mary Samantha (Mims) Fitts:

1. Rufina Juanita Fitts, born 8 July 1907, Albany, Dougherty Co., Ga. m. 27 Dec. 1930, William R. Hardin
2. Robert Carmon Fitts, born 3 Feb. 1909, Macon, Ga., m. 28 Dec. 1928, Gertrude Shouse
3. Calvin Eladio Fitts, born 7 May 1911, Macon, Ga., m. Nov. 1950 (Thanksgiving day), Edith McGee

Children of Josie Evans Rodriguez, (dau. of Bathsheba V. Butler, g-dau. of Josiah Evans Butler), and Jaime Roldos Prim, born 31 Aug. 1875, Vilasar, de Mar, Spain, son of Jaime Roca and Joaquina E. (Roldos) Prim:

1. Josephine Naomi Prim, born 6 May 1906, Brunswick, Ga., m. 8 June 1927, Robert Olen Brockington
2. Jaime Montejo Prim, born 6 Aug. 1908, Brunswick, Ga., m. 3 June 1939, Katherine Balser

Children of Josephine Naomi Prim, (dau. of Josie E. Rodriguez, g-dau. of Bathsheba V., and gg-dau. of Josiah E. Butler), and Robert Olen Brockington, Sr., born 20 Apr. 1904, Kingstree, Williamsburg Co., S.C., son of Benjamin Frank and Mary Magdalene (McCullough) Brockington:

1. Robert Olen Brockington, Jr., b. 21 Apr. 1928
2. Mary Jo Brockington, 25 July 1933
3. Jimmie Wallace Brockington, b. 12 Apr. 1943

Children of Jaime Montejo Prim, (dau. of Josie E. Rodriguez, g-son of Bathsheba V., and gg-dau. of Josiah E. Butler), and Katherine Balser, born 27 Feb. 1918, Harrisburg, Dauphin Co., Penn., dau. of William L. and Bertha E. (Pennell) Balser:

1. Phillip Lewis Prim, born 26 May 1941, Harrisburg, Penn.

Children of Nellie Clair Rodriguez, (dau. of Bathsheba V. Butler, g-dau. Josiah E. Butler), and Ernest Martin Schnecker, born 25 Jan. 1873, Randolph Co., Ill, d. 6 Apr. 1947, Lombard Co., Ill.:

1. Thomas Schnecker, born 6 Jan. 1920, died same day - infant
2. Martin Joseph Schnecker, born 28 Mar. 1921, d. 3 Apr. 1924
3. Edmond Montejo Schnecker, born 17 Jan. 1923, Chicago, Ill., m. 26 June 1948, Virginia Eva Symbol

Children of Bessie Corine Rodriguez, (dau. of Bathsheba Virginia Butler, g-dau. of Josiah Evans Butler), and Alonzo Laudric Baskin, born 17 Nov. 1886, Hahira, Ga., d. 14 May 1953, Miami, Dade Co., Fla., son of James M. and Mary Ann (Harnell) Baskin:

1. Onofro Alonzo Baskin, born 31 July 1911, died 2 Apr. 1948; m. Myrtle
2. Rubin Laudnic Baskin, born May 1913, Mansfield, Newton Co., Ga., d. Sept. 1914
3. Holmes Askew Baskin, born 17 May 1915, Atlanta, Fulton Co., Ga., m. 20 Jan. 1940, Norma Fay Adams
4. Annie Virginia Baskin, born 15 May 1917, m. 22July 1949 Paul Hiller
5. Bessie Corine Baskin, born 31 May 1919, m. 1 Feb. 1948, James L. Rogers
6. Laudric Clark Baskin, born 11 Apr. 1928; (all born Miami, Dade Co., Fla., except where given as otherwise).

Children of Edna Frances Rodriguez, (dau. of Bathsheba Virginia Butler, g-dau. of Josiah Evans Butler), and George Vasile Economopoulos, born 15 Apr. 1887, Calamata, Groece, died 21 Oct.1922, bur. Calamata, Greece, son of Vasile George Economopoulos:

1. Olga Lucille Economy, born 23 Jan. 1913, Atlanta, Ga., m. 8 June 1946, E. D. Bruffey
2. Cleo Frances Economy, born 12 Aug. 1914, Atlanta, Ga., m. 9 June 1948, Ralph Brown
3. William George Economy, born 18 Nov. 1916, Atlanta, Ga., d. 4 July 1956, m. 16 Jan. 1937, Evelyn Sherwood
4. Michael George Economy, born 17 May 1920, Smyrna, Cobb Co., Ga., m. 1949, Taera Ross
5. Joseph George Economy, born 7 Dec. 1921, m. 17 Nov. 1942, Evelyn Payne

(Note that the children above named, discontinued a part of the family name, using "Economy" rather than "Economopoulos")

Children of Olga Lucille Economy, (dau. of Edna Frances, g-dau. of Bathsheba Virginia Butler, gg-dau. of Josiah Evans Butler), and Edward Dean Bruffey, son of Charles Lewis Bruffey and Ormand Drinkard, born 11 Aug. 1920 at Lynchburg, Va., served as U. S. Navy Commander, disappeared while on duty 8 Feb. 1955, and was declared legally dead by the U.S. Government one year later in 1956:

1. Patricia Lee Bruffey, born 7 Oct. 1949, Jacksonville, Duval Co., Fla.
2. Edward Dean Bruffey, Jr., born 14 Nov. 1951, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Children of Edna Frances Rodriguez, (dau. of Bathsheba Virginia Butler, g-dau. Josiah Evans Butler), and her second husband, Mr. Denham:

1. Deleda Winona Denham, born 7 Dec. 1930, Miami, Dade Co., Fla., m. 16 May 1948, David Demonbrern

Children of Soloman Parks Butler, Sr., (son of Josiah Evans Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and Sarah Frances McKinzie, born Gadsden Co., Fla., died June 1931:

1. Frances Celeste Butler, born 6 Apr. 1887, Winter Park, Orange, Fla., m. James A. Thomas
2. Ethel Pearl Butler, born 4 Aug. 1888, Winter Park, m. Frank L. McCall

3. Helen Bettis Butler, born 1 Sept. 1892, Winter Park, Fla., killed in auto wreck, 20 Jan. 1940, m. Wonnie Buell Miller
4. Alice Louise Butler, born 8 Nov. 1893, Winter Park, Fla., died Mar. 1895
5. Soloman Parks Butler, born 25 June 1895, Quincy, Gadsden, Fla., m. Louise Gertrude Doy

Children of Frances Celeste Butler, (dau. of Soloman Parks Butler, Sr., son of Josiah E. Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and James A. Thomas, son of John M. and Maggie A. (Stokes) Thomas, born 28 June 1886, Concord, Gadsden, Fla.:

1. James Louis Thomas, born 4 Oct. 1908, Havana, Gadsden, Fla.; m. Thelma W. ---------.
2. Lawrence E. Thomas, born 5 Mar. 1914, Orlando, Orange, Fla., m. Jean LePage

Children of James Louis Thomas, (son of Frances Celeste Butler, g-son of Solomon Parks Butler, Sr., gg-son of Josiah E. Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and wife, Thelma W. -------, born 17 Dec. 1908, Gary, Indiana:

1. Juanita Thomas, born 30 Nov. 1928, Gary, Indiana

Children of Lawrence E. Thomas, (son of Frances Celeste Butler, g-son of Solomon Parks Butler, Sr., gg-son of Josiah E. Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and Jean LePaige, born Ontario, Canada:

1. Barbara Jean Thomas, born Orlando, Orange Co., Fla.

Children of Ethel Pearl Butler, (dau. of Solomon Parks Butler, Sr., g-dau. of Josiah E. Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and Frank Lucien McCall, born 10 June 1883, and died 25 Feb. 1942, Quincy, Gadsden Co., Fla.:

1. Malcolm Curtis McCall, born 3 Sept. 1908, m. 1 July 1949, Lillian Courson
2. Helen Christine McCall, born 10 Mar. 1911, died 25 Feb. 1914
3. Sarah Frances McCall, born 19 Nov. 1915, m. 1 Dec. 1954, Wm. H. Clover; (all born Quincy, Gadsden Co., Fla.)

Children of Malcolm Curtis McCall, Sr., (son of Ethel Pearl, g-son of Solomon Parks, gg-son of Josiah E. Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and Lillian Crowson, dau. of Hampton Monroe and Liddia (Davis) Crowson, born 8 Jan. 1927, Wauchula, Fla. (See Page 26 for these children)

Children of Helen Bettis Butler, (dau. of Soloman Parks, g-dau. of Josiah E. Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and Wonnie Buell Miller, Sr., born 3 Mar. 1890, Attapulgus, Decatur Co., Ga., son of David Nathan and Mary Eliza (Owens) Miller:

1. Robert Buell Miller, born 27 July 1913, Amsterdam, Decatur Co., Ga., died 9 Feb. 1937
2. Francis Marion Miller, born 16 Aug. 1917, Amsterdam, Decatur Co., Ga., m. 6 June 1939, Iris Mae Hodges
3. Wonnie Buell Miller, Jr., born 20 Aug. 1919, Bainbridge, Decatur Co., Ga., m. 18 Aug. 1945, Barbara Joan Linville

4. Parker David Miller, born 5 July 1924, Attapulgus, Decatur, Ga., m. 5 Dec. 1947, Martha Jane Bridges

Children of Soloman Parks Butler, Jr., (son of Solomon P., g-son of Josiah E. Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and Lois Gertrude Doy, born 10 Aug. 1912, Macon, Bibb Co., Ga.:

1. Mary Frances Butler, born 17 Feb. 1933, Portsmouth, Norfolk, Va.
2. Nancy Anne Butler, born 16 July 1935, Portsmouth, Norfolk, Va.

Children of Susan Pauline Butler, (dau. of Josiah Evans Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and Alford Sherby, born Sweden:

1. Carl Sherby, born Seattle, King Co., Washington
2. Oliver Sherby, born Seattle, King Co., Washington
3. Petronella Sherby, born Seattle, King Co., Washington
4. Esther Sherby, born Seattle, King Co., Washington
5. Lester Sherby, born Seattle, King Co., Washington

Children of Richard Carlos Butler, (son of Josiah Evans Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and Lottie Ann Coakley, born 31 Aug. 1875, Presqu Isle, Me. dau. of George and Mary (Bouliar) Butterfield:

1. Charles Aquilla Butler, born 28 Nov. 1891, Brunswick, Ga., m. 17 Nov. 1915 Nettie Ruth Jornigan
2. Raymond Webster Butler, born 21 Aug. 1898, Hinesville, Liberty, Ga., m. 25 Sept. 1919, Edna Williams
3. Lloyd Ashton Butler, born 12 June 1903, Fitzgerald, Ben Hill Co., Ga., m. 11 Apr. 1926, Marcia Baker
4. Joseph Evans Butler, born 11 Dec. 1911, Fitzgerald, Ben Hill Co., Ga., m. Dorothy York, 4 Apr. 1931

Children of Charles Aquilla Butler, Sr., (son of Richard Carlos and g-son of Josiah Evans Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and Nettie Ruth Jornigan:

1. Martha Charlotte Butler, born 31 Dec. 1917, Fitzgerald, Ben Hill, Ga., m. Reginald Abbott
2. Charles Aquilla Butler, Jr., born 25 July 1922, Brunswick, Glyn Co., Hazel Irene Geddley
3. Richard Oppie Butler, born 15 Sept. 1931, Brunswick, Glynn Co., Ga.

Children of Martha Charlotte Butler, born 13 Dec. 1917, Fitzgerald, Ben Hill Co., Ga., (dau. of Charles Aquilla Butler, g-dau. of Richard Carlos and gg-dau. of Josiah Evans Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and Reginald Abbott, Sr.:

1. Reginald Abbott, Jr., born 19 Sept. 1940
2. Mary Jo Abbott, 3 Aug. 1947, Brunswick, Glynn Co., Ga.

Children of Charles Aquilla Butler, Jr., (son of Charles Aquilla, g-son of Richard Carlos, and gg-son of Josiah Evans Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and Hazel Irene Geddley, born 28 July 1926:

1. Linda Ruth Butler, born 1 Nov. 1948, Brunswick, Glynn, Ga.
2. Glinda Mae Butler, born 1 Nov. 1948, Brunswick, Glynn, Ga. (twins)

Children of Raymond Webster Butler, Sr., (son of Richard C., g-son of Josiah Evans Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and Edna Williams:

1. Raymond Webster Butler, Jr., born 18 Oct. 19--, Brunswick, Ga. m. Mary -----
2. Patricia Ann Butler, born 18 June 1925, Miami, Dade Co., Fla.
3. Joannine Butler, born 8 June 1931, Miami, Dade Co., Fla.

Children of Raymond Webster Butler, Jr., (son of Raymond Webster, g-son of Richard Co., gg-son of Josiah Evans Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and wife Mary -----:

1. Madeline Butler
2. Raymond Webster Butler, III

Children of Lloyd Ashton Butler, (son of Richard C., g-son of Josiah Evans Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and Marcia Baker, dau. of Carrie(Fouch) Baker:

1. Caroline Baker Butler, born 24 Oct. 1926, Miami, Dade Co., Fla. m. Larry Burki

Ada Ledell Butler, (dau. of Josiah Evans Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and her husband, H. Hande, had no issue.

Children of Byron Evans Butler, (son of Josiah Evans Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and Susie Mae Noble, born 19 Nov. 1873, Hyde, Milton, Mass., dau. of Joseph Augustus and Pauline (Sloan) Noble:

1. Frank Augustus Butler, born 29 Jan. 1893, m. Louise Stewart
2. Melvin Evans Butler, born 4 Dec. 1895, m. Esther Ashmore
3. Clara Christine Butler, born 6 Dec. 1899, d. 6 Dec. 1900
4. Ferol Howlett Butler, born 29 June 1901, m. Perley Waters
5. Edward Sydney Butler, born 28 Jan. 1905, m. Georgia Hathcox
6. James Albert Butler, born 20 May 1907, Welthy Mae Clark
7. John Robert Butler, born 26 Aug. 1910, m. Mattie Mae White

The obituary of Byron Evans Butler, quote:

"BYRON BUTLER DEAD"

"Last Saturday afternoon while running hogs in the Thiess field near Hinesville, Byron Butler became overheated and bursted a blood vessel and lost consciousness soon afterwards and dying shortly. Dr. Syd Hendry was sent for and found Mr. Butler in a dying condition. John A. Jackson, Ed Faulker and Hilton Zoucks and Frank Butler, his 15 year old son, were with Mr. Butler and did what they could to relieve him. They carried him home but he died in a few minutes after reaching the house.

"He was kind hearted and accomodating and leaves many friends who will be saddened over his suddon demise. He was 45 years old.

"His wife, Mrs. Susie Noble Butler, and six children, the youngest a six weeks old infant, survive him. Also his aged mother, Mrs. Bathsheba Butler and seven brothers and sisters. They are Carlos Butler of Fitzgerald, Joe Butler of Palm Valley, Fla., Mrs. Susan Sherby of Washington, Mrs. S. E. Smith and Miss Ada Butler, New Haven, Conn. Mrs. C. O. Rodriguez of Macon and Mrs. J. H. Baxton of Hinesville survive him. (continued)

"His body was laid to rest by his baby daughter, in the Walthourville cemeter. Rev. W. Marlow of Walthourville conducted the funeral services." (Ref: faded newspaper clipping)

Children of Malcolm Curtis McCall, Sr., (son of Ethel Pearl, g-son of Solomon Parks, gg-son of Josiah E. Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and Lillian Crowson, dau. of Hampton Monroe and Liddia (Davis) Crowson, born 8 Jan. 1927, Wauchula, Fla.:

1. Shirley Ann McCall, born 23 Nov. 1950, Franklin Co., Fla. (adopted)
2. Merry Lynn McCall, born 11 May 1955, Wauchula, Fla. (adopted)
3. Malcolm Curtis McCall, Jr., born 10 Aug. 1955, Tallahassee, Leon Co., Florida, (adopted)
4. Melanie Jane McCall, born 27 Jan. 1957, Quincy, Gadsden Co., Fla.

Children of Frank Augustus Butler, (son of Byron Evans and Susie Mae (Noble) Butler, g-son of Josiah Evans Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and Louise Stewart:

1. Frances Stewart Butler, born 20 Apr. 1920, Hinesville, Ga. Married Philip Pershing Thomas, Sr.
2. John Byron Butler, born 2 May 1922, Lakeland, Polk Co., Fla. Married Louise Buck

Children of Frances Stewart Butler, (dau. of Frank Augustus, g-dau. of Byron Evans, gg-dau. of Josiah Evans Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and Phillip Pershing Thomas, Sr., born 28 Mar. 1918, Auburndale, Polk Co., Fla., son of Robert English and Dorothy Jane (Wolfe) Thomas:

1. William Kennedy Thomas, born 29 Mar. 1939, Lakeland, Polk Co., Fla.
2. Phillip Pershing Thomas, Jr., born 3 Dec. 1942, Orlando, Orange Co., Florida
3. Julia Mary Thomas, born 20 June 1944, Lakeland, Polk Co., Fla.

Children of Melvin Evans Butler, Sr., (son of Byron E., g-son of Josiah Evans Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and Esther Ashmore, born 8 Jan. 1909, Hinesville, Liberty Co., Ga., dau. of Soloman and Ursula (Jackson) Ashmore:

1. Melvin Evans Butler, Jr., born 4 Feb. 1937, Hinesville, Ga.
2. Jerry Sue Butler, born 24 Jan. 1939, Hinesville, Ga.

Ferol Howlett Butler, (dau. of Byron E., g-dau. of Josiah Evans Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and Perley L. Waters, son of John Stewart and Maxine (Holland) Waters, born 14 Apr. 1901, Claxton, Evans Co., Ga.:

1. Elsie Margaret Waters, born 2 Nov. 1922, Hinesville; m. Fred Boreisi
2. Mae Elizabeth Waters, born 18 Sept. 1924, Hinesville, d. 23 Sept. 1929
3. Mary Helen Waters, born 22 Oct. 1926, Orlo Vista, Orange Co., Fla. Married 1st, Eugene Arthur Tuton; 2nd, Steve Sabo, Sr.
4. Robert Evans Waters, born 21 Mar. 1929, Orlo Vista, m. Gladys Louise Carver
5. Donald Lester Waters, born 13 July 1933, Orlo Vista, d. 13 Sept. 1939
6. Leroy George Waters, born 11 Feb. 1936, Orlo Vista.

Children of Mary Helen Waters, (dau. of Ferol Hewlett Butler, g-dau. of Byron E. Butler, gg-dau. of Josiah Evans Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and 1st husband, Eugene Arthur Tuton, born 26 Dec. 1925, Orlando, Fla., son of Howell and Rose (Lloyd) Tuton:

1. Daniel Stevie Tuton, born 3 Feb. 1944, Key West, Monroe Co., Fla.
2. Danny Arthur Tuton, born 19 Dec. 1946, San Diego, California
3. Toni Arch Tuton, born 15 Aug. 1948, Key West, Fla.; d. 23 Apr. 1951
4. Connie Jean Tuton, born 29 Oct. 1950, Key West, Fla.
5. Robert Eugene Tuton, born 7 Dec. 1953, Key West, Fla.

Children of Mary Helen Waters, (dau. of Ferol Hewlett Butler, g-dau. of Byron E. Butler, gg-dau. of Josiah Evans Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and 2nd husband, Steve Sabo, Sr.:

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1. Steve Sabo, Jr., born Orlando, Fla.

Children of Robert Evans Waters, (son of Perley & Ferol Hewelett Butler, g-son of Byron E. Butler, gg-son of Josiah Evans Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and Gladys Louise Carver, born 16 Apr. 1930, Orange Co., Fla., dau. of John and Bessie (DeLoach) Carver:

1. Patsy Diane Waters, born 11 Feb. 1951, Orlando, Fla.
2. Deborah Louise Waters, born 9 Oct. 1953, Ft. Pierce, St. Lucie, Fla.

Children of Edward Sydney Butler, (son of Byron Evans and g-son of Josiah Evans Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and Georgia Hathcox, born 15 Jan. 1910 at Newberry, Alachua Co., Fla., dau. of Chester and Mattie (Goff) Hatchcox:

1. Chester Byron Butler, born 20 Dec. 1932, Orlo Vista, Fla.
2. Jonelda Nelda Butler, born 8 Oct. 1934, Mulberry, Fla., married 31 May 1953, Jack Sawyer
3. George Sydney Butler, born 14 Feb. 1941, Orlo Vista, Fla.

Children of James Albert Butler, (son of Byron E., g-son of Josiah Evans Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and Welthy Mae Clark, born 16 May 1921, Fleming, Liberty Co., Ga., dau. of Henry Ernest and Ina Lee (Myrick) Clark:

1. Joyce Cecile Butler, born 27 Aug. 1940, Hinesville, Ga. married 1 Aug. 1958, David L. Davis (born in Ohio)
2. James Franklin Butler, born 10 July 1945, Liberty Co., Ga.

John Robert Butler, (son of Byron E., g-son of Josiah Evans Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and his wife, Mattie Mae White, dau. of James Darsey and Mary Ella (Frazier) White, born 25 Nov. 1907, had no issue.

Children of Joseph Benton Butler, (son of Josiah Evans Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and his first wife, Mablo Shiliba whom he married 29 Apr. 1900, Jacksonville, Duval Co., Fla.; she was born in Long Branch, N. Y.:

1. William Butler, born June 1901, Jacksonville, Fla., d. 8 Dec. 1901
2. Gertie Butler, born 1902, Jacksonville, Fla.; died 1902

Joseph Benton Butler and his thirteen brothers and sisters were all born in the same home on a 200 acre farm. He recalled attending school in Waterville, Georgia, with his teacher being a Miss Maggie Griffis.

Joseph Benton Butler left home at the age of 18, going to Winter Park, Florida. There he worked as a check boy in a hotel, and continued his schooling at night, being tutored by a Mrs. Edwards who lived at the hotel where he worked.

Upon his removal from Winter Park, he visited his brother, Carlos, in Brunswick, but could find no work there, so he removed to Jacksonville, Florida.

He entered service in the Spanish American War under President William McKinley. He was stationed at Pensacola, Fla., Norolk, Va., Portsmouth, Va., and Hampton Roads, Va. He told of his trip by sea from Jacksonville to Cape Hettire under Commander Admiral Victor Blue, when he became seasick and the Admiral carried him up on deck to drink water from the sea as a cure for the seasickenss.

His payment for service was $24.00 monthly during the year he served, and was given a final payment of $25.00. He never sought or received a pension, though entitled to one.

While still single, he purchased a home at 329 West 4th Street in Jacksonville, Florida, and was employed by the city in street construction.

Upon a visit with a friend to Palm Valley, he met Bertha Elizabeth Wilson who became his second wife in the Palm Valley Baptist Church, after only four visits with her.

Still he continued his education, studying landscaping and civil engineering for four years at night. As a contractor, he built two homes for a Mr. Woods on the corner of 11th & Liberty Streets, Jacksonville. For two years he lived at Palm Valley and worked for the East Coast Canal, as First Mate, then Captain of a dredge, at $90.00 per month and room and board on the dredge. This Canal ran from Mayport to Miami. Being separated from his family due to this work, he walked three miles through the swamp on weekends to visit his wife and children. His son George was born while he was away at work.

He returned to Jacksonville and during World War I was employed as carpenter, Merrill-Stevens Ship Yard.

Living to be past eighty-two years, he died after a lengthy illness at his home at 2618 South Street. The Florida Times-Union, noted, "Mr. J. B. Butler, a well known and popular citizen of East Springfield, is wearing a very broad smile these days. The cause: A pretty little girl arrived at his home a few days ago." (This was the announcement of the birth of this author, born Gertie Mae Butler). And at his death, the obituary notice noted that he was a native of Hinesville, Ga., a veteran of the Spanish-American War, (whose organization immediately marked his grave), and a charter member of the St. Nicholas Park Christian Church. He was buried at Greenlawn Cemetery, Jacksonville, Fla. All but one of his children by this wife, Bertha Elizabeth Wilson (born 8 Oct. 1882, Jacksonville, Fla., daughter of Henry Wilson and Sarah Rebecca Leigh), survived him, the one having died in infancy. At the time of this writing (1958), his wife still resides in Jacksonville, Fla.

The names of the children of Joseph Benton and Bertha Butler:

1. William Oliver Butler, born 4 Feb. 1905, m. 22 Sept. 1930, 1st, Florence LaVerne Kneram; 2nd, Lorain Agnes Coleman
2. Gertie Mae Butler, born 11 Oct. 1907, m. 18 Dec. 1925, 1st, Homer Nelson Jordan; 2nd, 8 May 1936, James Alfred Lepper; 3rd, 3 Oct. 1939, Oliver Perry Keller, Jr.
3. Stella Inez Butler, born 22 Dec. 1909, m. 5 Sept. 1926, Charlie Lamar Williams; 2nd, Horace Thomas Williams, (no issue by him).
4. George Harold Butler, born 28 Feb. 1912, Palm Valley, St. Johns Co., Fla., m. 7 Aug. 1934, Mildred Laznicker
5. Paul Benton Butler, born 16 May 1914, died 20 Aug. 1914; infant
6. Cecil Wilson Butler, born 30 Oct. 1916, m. 24 Dec. 1937, Marguerita A. Brandt
7. Ralph Martel Butler, born 12 May 1919, m. 3 Dec. 1941, Ida Mae Hayes, 1st; Alberta Ruth Landis
8. Bertie Lucille Butler, born 31 Mar. 1922, m. 15 Mar. 1944, Walter Earl Melvin.

Children of William Oliver Butler, (son of Joseph Benton, g-son of Josiah Evans Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and Lorain Agnes Coleman, dau. of James Moore and Nancy Ann Matilda (Geiger) Coleman, born 21 Aug. 1924, Jacksonville, Fla.:

1. Bonnie Lorain Butler, born 28 Sept. 1954, Jacksonville, Fla.

By his first wife, Florence LaVerne Kneram, born 21 June 1900, Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, died 3 Feb. 1953, Jacksonville, Fla., buried place of birth 6 Feb. 1953, dau. of Henry and Katherine (Hirsch) Kneram, there was no issue born to William Oliver Butler.

Gertie Mae Butler, (dau. of Joseph B., g-dau. of Josiah Evans Butler and Bathsheba Benton), had no issue by her 1st husband, Homer Nelson Jordan. He is the son of John Matthew and Margaret M. (Brown) Jordan and was born at Lake Butler, Alachua Co., Fla., 14 Nov.1892.

Children of Gertie Mae Butler and 2nd husband, James Alfred Lepper, born 20 Oct. 1869, Jo Davis Co., Ill., died 6 June 1948, Jacksonville, Fla., buried 8 June 1948, Edgewood Cem., Jacksonville, Fla., he was son of John Harrison Lepper and Sarah Jane Hillman, and was first married to Junia Maude Disbrow (by whom he had issue also):

1. Floryne Elizabeth Lepper, born 18 Feb. 1937, Jacksonville, Fla. Married 30 Oct. 1953, William Louis Forsyth.

Children of Gertie Mae Butler and 3rd husband, Oliver Perry Keller, Jr.; born 18 Aug. 1889, Crystal River, Citrus Co., Fla., son of Oliver Perry, and Eliza Ann (Burton) Keller, Sr., he was first married to Edna Lee Webb by whom he had issue also:

1. Paul Oliver Keller, born 10 Sept. 1943, Jacksonville, Duval Co., Fla.

On the 16th of February 1942, Floryne Elizabeth Lepper, with the consent of James Alfred Lepper, father, was adopted by Oliver Perry Keller, and so bore the name of Keller up until her marriage. She was married to William Louis Forsyth, born 5 Jan. 1932, Jacksonville, son of Cannie Theodore and Sadie Lillie (O'Neal) Forsyth. Their child:

1. Willyne Lee Forsyth, born 5 Jan. 1958, Jacksonville, Duval, Fla.

Children of Stella Inez Butler, (dau. of Joseph Butler, g-dau. Josiah E. Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and Charlie Lamar Williams, born 29 Nov. 1909, Denton, Coffee Co., Ga.:

1. Charles Benton Williams, born 12 May 1927, Jacksonville, m. 26 May 1947, Ella Mae Benner
2. Jack Lamar Williams, born 5 Dec. 1928, m. Johnnie Marie Gragg
3. Richard Oliver Williams, born 4 June 1930, Cleveland, Ohio, m. Barbara Smith
4. Arthur Wallace Williams, born 1 June 1932, Jacksonville, m. Oct. 1954, Patricia Stephens

By her second husband, Horace Thomas Williams, Stella Inez Butler, has no children.

Children of Charles Benton Williams, (son of Stella Inez Butler, g-son of Joseph Butler, gg-son. Josiah E. Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and Ella Mae Benner, born 18 Aug. 1926, Silverdale, Bucks Co., Penn., the dau. of Harry and Elsie Mae (Courthamel) Benner:

1. Barry Lee Williams, born 19 Dec. 1946, Beth., Berks Co., Pa.
2. Bruce Lee Williams, born 12 Aug. 1950, Jacksonville, Fla.

Children of Jack Lamar Williams, (son of Stella Inez Butler, g-son of Joseph Butler, gg-son Josiah E. Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and Johnnie Marie Gragg, born Old Hickory, Tenn.

1. LaJuani Gayle Williams, born 26 Aug. 1948, Old Hickory, Tenn.
2. Cheryal Lynn Williams, born Nov. 1951, Old Hickery, Tenn.
3. Cynthia Leigh Williams, born 4 Feb. 1958, Jacksonville, Fla.

Children of Richard Oliver Williams, (son of Stella Inez Butler, g-son of Joseph Butler, gg-son Josiah E. Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and Barbara Smith, born 30 June 1935, Nashville, Davison Co., Tenn., dau. of Leroy Earl and Naomi (Young) Smith:

1. Thomas Leroy Williams, born 8 Mar. 1955, Jacksonville, Fla.

Children of Arthur Wallace Williams, (son of Stella Inez Butler, g-son of Joseph Butler, gg-son Josiah E. Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and Patricia Stephens:

1. George Allen Williams, born 4 Nov. 1955, Jacksonville, Fla.

Children of George Harold Butler, (son of Joseph Benton Butler, g-son of Josiah E. Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and Mildred Laznickor, born 16 Sept. 1909, Ridgefield, Bergen Co., N.J., dau. of William and Annastazie (Krejci) Laznicker:

1. William Benton Butler, born 20 Apr. 1939, Jacksonville, Fla.
2. Arlene Kay Butler, born 16 Oct. 1943, Jacksonville, Fla.

Children of Cecil Wilson Butler, Sr., (son of Joseph Benton, g-son of Josiah E. Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and Marguerita Agnes Brandt, born 10 Feb. 1917, Mayport, Duval, Fla., daughter of Horace Marion and Agnes Josephine (Daniel) Brandt:

1. Dorothy Butler, born 25 Aug. 1938, died 25 Aug. 1938, infant.
2. Cecil Wilson Butler, Jr., born 20 Jan. 1940, Jacksonville, Fla.
3. James Walter Butler, born 1 July 1944

Children of Ralph Mortel Butler, (son of Joseph Benton, g-son of Josiah Evans Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and Ida Mae Hayes:

1. Edith Butler, born 14 Nov. 1942, Jacksonville, Fla.; d. 24 Dec. 1942

Children of Ralph Mortel Butler and his second wife, Alberta Ruth Landis born 12 Dec. 1923, Camden, N. J., dau. of Kenneth Herbert and Ruth Margaret (White) Landis:
1. Steven Gary Butler, born 4 Apr. 1953, Jacksonville, Fla.
2. David Ralph Butler, born 10 June 1956, Jacksonville, Fla.

Children of Bertie Lucille Butler, (dau. of Joseph Benton, g-dau. of Josiah Evans Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and Walter Earl Melvin, Sr., born 14 Apr. 1919, Marianna, Jackson Co., Fla., son of Luther Alvin Melvin and Vera Mable Spence:

1. Walter Earl Melvin, Jr., born 23 Jan. 1945
2. Eugene Benton Melvin, born 21 June 1946
3. Carla Joy Melvin, born 7 Apr. 1952,
4. Janice Elaine Melvin, born 27 Aug. 1955 (all born Jacksonville, Fla.)

Children of Sabina Lettisa Butler, known only as Binnie, (dau. of Josiah Evans Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and Samuel Eddie Smith, born 1867, Clarksville, Mo., died 28 July 1945, West Haven, Conn.:

1. Sadie Smith, born 1895, died infancy, New Haven, Conn.
2. Stella Smith, born 6 Dec. 1900, New Haven, Conn.; m. Eugene Nelson Girdwood

Children of Stella Smith, (dau. of Samuel Eddie and Sabina Lettis (Butler) Smith, g-dau. of Josiah Evans Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and Eugene Nelson Girdwood, Sr.:

1. Eugene Nelson Girdwood, Jr., born 12 Apr. 1928, New Haven, Conn. married Dec. 1950, Jayne Cordiner

Children of Eugene Nelson Girdwood, Jr., (son of Eugene Sr. and Stella Smith, g-son of Samuel Eddie and Sabina Butler, gg-son of Josiah Evans Butler and Bathsheba Benton), and Jayne Cordiner, born Bath, Maine:

1. Mary Jayne Girdwood, New Haven, Conn.
2. Eugene Nelson Girdwood III, born New Haven, Conn.

"Memory Lane"

by

"Binnie" Butler Smith

As I wonder down memory lane through the years that have passed, there were many golden hours of childhood days spent among my brothers and sisters and playmates.

What wonderful times we had running wild among the flowers with never a care for the morrow that would take of itself.

But the Death Angel came and bore a dear brother away and then in a very short time my darling little sister was born away. God saw her, that she was lovely, and wanted her for a star in his beautiful crown.

How we missed them! Our laughter was hushed and sadness filled our hearts. We missed them so. Our dear mother missed them too, and though it must have broken her heart, she smiled and said, "thy will, Oh, God, be done. Thou givest and thou taketh away". Then she tried to comfort us, telling us that we must be good and try to serve the Lord and we should see them again in that Beautiful Land Beyond where no death or sorrow ever comes.

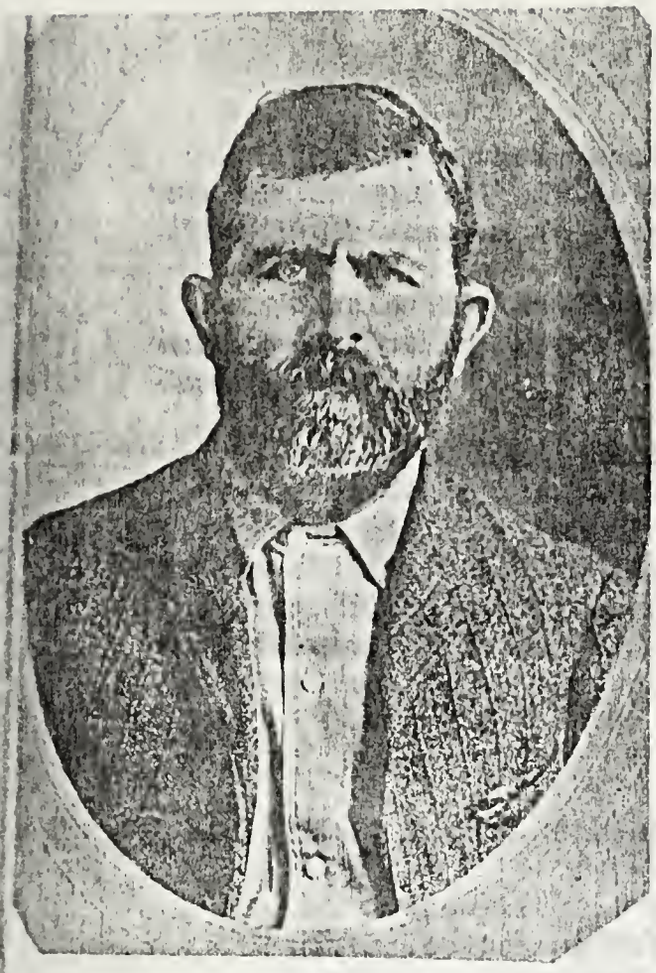
And God will wipe away our tears and we shall be happy again.

Time passed on and one by one we grew up and met someone we loved and left that dear old home to try and make a home of our own.

We were scattered far and wide but the thoughts of that dear old home still linger with loving memory of the days of our youth and the little family of fourteen, of which only three are left, a sister 84, a brother 80 and yours truly, a little girl of 78.

(s) Binnie Butler Smith

(1949)



CHARLES HANSEL BENTON

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SUSAN E. McCORMICK

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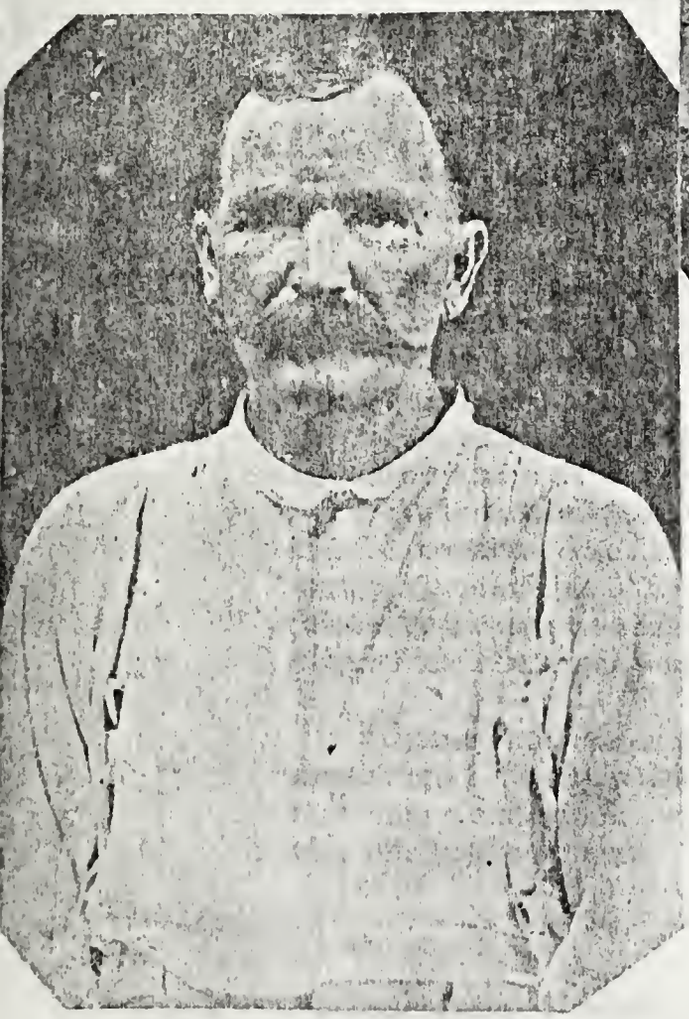

Thomas Columbus Benton
(1834 - 1913)

Thomas Columbus Benton, Born 30 June 1834, Thomas County, Georgia, the son of Aquilla Benton and Elizabeth Paff, the only child born to them after their removal to Georgia.

Married 23 October 1856, according to the Thomas County Book of Marriages, Book H, Page 24, to Mary Ann Myrick, born 5 Sept. 1837, Thomas County, Georgia.

Thomas Columbus Benton served in Company C, 29th Infantry of Georgia, Confederate States Army. During this War, he wrote the following three letters to his wife, which letters are still in the possession of Charles Benton of Live Oak, Florida, but were copied and properly notarized on 27 September 1956, by Gertie Mae Keller, and notarized by James R. Boone of Duval County, Florida, N.P. These letters, according to the affidavit are an exact replica of the originals in wording and spelling.

"Desoto Hospital
July 28th, 1863

1 - "Mrs. Mary A. Benton

"Deare wife, I take the pleasure of riting you a few lines whitch leaves me well all to the rheumitisms. They are a hurting me very bad, but I hope they will leave me a gain soon. I have nothing worth a riting to you at this time. I hope this little letter may reach your hands and inform you that the riter of it is still a live and wonts to see you and the deare little children all a gain, and I hope this may find you all.

"I will say to you that I have not heard from you sins the battle of Jackson, tho I think there is letters at the regement for me, but I don't know where it is. I have not heard from it sins I left it, thoug I am a going to start to night at three o clock this eavening.

"This is the 31 of July.

"I reached the regment last night. I have the chill and fever every other day. I am in a bad fix, my deare. I almost as live be dead as to be in the fix I am in. I hate to tell you what alds me, but I can't help it. I am busoned. I come so to day and if it get eny worse I can't walk a step, but I will quit this subject. Furloes is started and too of the boys and Lieutenant O. I. Bowen starts in a few minuts, so I must be short as possible. I will say to you that I got too letters yesterday from you and was sory to heare you was sick, but the letter had bin roat so long that it did not doo any good.

"There was one man shot in our regment the other day for deserting. I want to see you so bad I don't know what to doo, but there is no chance for me to come yet. I wont you to doo the best you can and I will doo the same. Farewell."

(signed) T. C. Benton

2 - "Deare wife, I would be very glad to see you and the children if it was a posible thing, but there is no chance to see each other now, but I hope the day is not far distant at home a gain and

there to live in pease and pleasure a gain, for I am detirmed to live a different life if ever I live to get out of this war, and I want you to doo the same. Tell Father and Mother that I have not forgoten them yet, and that I want them to rite to me and let me know how they are a gitten a long, an all the news that they have.

"Tell all the family relation howdy for mo; and rite if you have heard from brother James sins I left Savnah or not. I am sorry to heare that Simeon is deserted for if they ever get him, they will punish him savioro. If he is not gon back to his company, tell him to go back and it will not go so hard with him. I would not desert for but one thing, and that is this -- if I knew that you and the children was without eny thing to eate and could not get it. I would ask for a furloe and if they would not give me one, then I would tell them I was a going home to get something for you to eate and then come back.

"I want you to rite as soon as you get this and rite all the news. Rite how the hogs is a gitting a long and how meny there is and how the cow is a dooing and how the cane looks. All these little things, and don't be a fraid to rite too mutch. Rite how the crops looks there, and the prise of provision and every thing els, and the health of the people and be shure to rite what you ment a bout a substitute being hired for me and hoo is a going to hire one for me. I don't know that one could be put in now. All that has put in substituts has got to come in there one plase. All up to forty five has got to come in so it will have to be one over forty five years of age.

"So I must close my little letter for this time. It is always fifteene days from the time your letters is mailed until I get them. You must send them to Jackson for the male oomes from there to us three times a weeke. I have forgotten the babys name and I want you to rite it in your next letter. So fair well. Kiss all the children for me and here is one for you."

(signed) T. C. Benton

3 - To Mary A. Benton at home from a soldier in camps.

"Deare wife, I rite you a few more lines to inform you that we are now ready to leave for Charleston. We are ordered to be at Charleston by day lite to marow morning. So if I never see or heare from you eny more, doo the best you can. Fair well, deare wife."

(signed) T. C. B.

In 1865 Thomas Columbus Benton returned home from the war. As he neared his home site, he called his familiar call of "whoo-hooo", country fashion in those days. His wife, sitting around the fireside with her little children around her, heard his call, recognized it, and said to the children, "That sounds like your Pa". She went in the direction from which the call had come, it being dark she could not see him, but he heard her coming and called to her, "Mary, don't come any further. I am in rags and eaten up with body lice and I don't want you and the children to see me like this. You go back to the house and bring some clean clothes, soap and water, and my razor. Leave them where you are now and when I am cleaned up I will come to the house." And so, Mary did as she had been bidden and when he had a chance to tell more, he told that he had crawled much of the

way home from Mississippi where he was at the time of the surrender. He had been without food, money or clothing, but made his way home to Thomas County, sleeping in the woods, eating locusts and berries. At the time of the surrender he had been in the hospital from wounds, but was discharged, ill, to return home the best way he could.

Feeling this exhibited his character and that he was a true gentleman and one who wanted his family to see him at his best, I have retold the story from memory as it was given to me by the family of this man.

Public records show that Thomas Columbis Benton, known to his loved ones and friends, as "Lum", took Oath 7 Feb. 1869 as Constable and J. P., and served until 1907.

A large family of children was born to him and his beloved Mary Ann, and they were both privileged to live to see them all marry and their names and families are given in the following pages:

Children of Thomas Columbus Benton and Mary Ann Myrick:

1. Susan Ann Benton, born 1858, married 19 Apr. 1885, Green J. Simpson
2. Mary Bathsheba Benton, born 1860, married 2 Apr. 1879, Buzz E. Chastain; she died in 1936; buried Mt. Zion Cem., Ochlochnee, Ga.
3. Martha Virginia Benton, born 1862, married 23 Dec. 1883, Lewis H. Moil, she died in June 1925. He died 4 Dec. 1894, at Ft. White in Columbia Co., Fla.; buried at Fredonia Settlement, Thomas Co., Ga. After his death Martha Virginia married John Fields.
4. Henry B. Benton, born 3 Feb. 1865, died 3 Aug. 1928; his wife was Susan Elizabeth McCormack.
5. Thomas Joshua Benton, born 1866, died 8 Sept. 1924; married Mary Cornelia Benton.
6. Joseph Benton, born 1868, died 10 June 1939; wife, Nancy Stephens Myrick
7. Charles Hansel Benton, born 2 Oct. 1872, died 1934; wife was Barbara Alice Benton.
8. Sarah Jane (called Sallie) Benton, born 3 Nov. 1874, died 28 Dec. 1954, married John Henry Chastain.
9. Andrew Benton, born 1877; married Retta Calhone.
10. John Wesley Benton, born 1873 and married Minnie Carter
11. Robert A. Benton was born 1880 and married Teeter Myrick.

Children of Susan Ann Benton and Green J. Simpson (Grandchildren of T. C. Benton.):

1. Maggie Simpson married Wyatt Lastinger.
2. Emma Simpson married Guss McNiel
3. Julia Simpson married Will Willis
4. Ollie Simpson married Deek Smith
5. William Simpson married an Alligood
6. Elzie Simpson
7. Ruffin Simpson
8. Joseph Simpson married an Alligood, sister to William Simpson's wife.

Children of Mary Bathsheba Benton and Buzz E. Chastain (born 22 Oct. 1848, died 11 Jan. 1930) - (Grandchildren of T. C. Benton):

1. William Allison Chastain, born 27 Mar. 1880, m. Nellie Augustine Benton
2. Archie Chastain
3. Lonnie Chastain married May Boll Brown

Thomas Columbus Benton, son of Aquilla Benton, Descendants (continued)

4. Eddie Chastain
5. Arline Chastain m. Henry Grover
6. Ruth Chastain m. a Crosby
7. Ruby Chastain m. Charlie W. Parramore

William Allison Chastain (son of Buzz E. Chastain and Mary Bathsheba Benton, grandson of Thomas Columbus Benton), married Nellie Augustine Benton, born 16 Nov. 1897 at Fort White, Columbia Co., Fla., and died 29 Aug. 1957, Lake City, Columbia Co., Ga., the daughter of Joseph Benton, (they were first cousins); after his death she married Fred Joe Johnson. Their Children:

1. Annie Bathsheba, born 13 Nov. 1916, m. Paul Bradshaw Crutchfield
2. Willie Mae Chastain, born 21 May 1918, m. Henry Cleveland DeLaughter
3. Allison Murphy Chastain, born 5 Feb. 1920, m. Barbara Wilson
4. Ruth Bennett Chastain, born 19 Dec. 1922, m. Thomas L. Byrd
5. Daniel Washington Chastain, born 5 Dec. 1924, Moultrie, died 1934
6. Lawrence Lee Chastain, born 9 Dec. 1925, m. Beatrice Croft
7. William Allison Chastain, born 11 Oct. 1926, died 1926.
8. Hugh Thomas Chastain, born 5 Oct. 1927, m. Fern -----; was War Veteran
9. Herbert Honer Chastain, born 3 Apr. 1929, m. Betty Gaines
10. Mattie Elizabeth Chastain, born 11 Mar. 1931, died 1931, infancy.
11. daughter Chastain, born 13 Dec. 1932, died 1932, infancy.

The first three children were born in Thomas County, Georgia, and the remainder in Moultrie, Colquitt County, Georgia.

Children of Annie Bathsheba Chastain, (daughter of William Allison Chastain, son of Mary Bathsheba Chastain; great granddaughter of Thomas C. Benton), and her husband Paul Bradshaw Crutchfield born 16 June 1919:

1. Paul Crutchfield, born 26 j Jan. 1946, Morganton, Burke Co., N.C.
2. Ann Benton Crutchfield, born 2 Nov. 1949, Morganton, Burke, N. C.

Children of Willie Mae Chastain, (daughter of William Allison Chastain and Nellie Augustine Benton; granddaughter of Mary Bathsheba Chastain; and great granddaughter of Thomas Columbus Benton), and her husband, Henry Cleveland DeLaughter:

1. Bettie Louise DeLaughter, born 30 July 1940, Moultrie, Ga.

Children of Ruth Bennett Chastain, (dau. of William A. Chastain; grandau. of Mary Bathsheba Chastain; g.gdau of T. C. Benton), and Thomas L. Byrd, who was the son of H. M. Byrd

1. Thomas Milton Byrd
2. Linda Elizabeth Byrd
3. Hubert Marvin Byrd

Children of Lawrence Lee Chastain (son of W. A. & Nollie A. Chastain; g-son of Mary B. Chastain; ggson of T. C. Benton), and Beatric Croft, born 27 Sept. 1932, the dau. of Jack and Ruth Ann (Davis) Croft:

1. William Chastain, born 19 Oct. 1953, Hampton, Elizabeth Co., Va.
2. Robbie Lee Chastain, born 15 Apr. 1955, Hampton, Elizabeth Co., Va.

Thomas Columbus Benton, son of Aquilla Benton, Descendants (continued)

Children of Herbert Honer Chastain, (son of W. A. and Nellie Augustine Chastain, g-son of Mary B. Chastain; ggson of T. C. Benton), and his wife Betty Gaines, born 15 Sept. 19--, the daughter of Hyrum Gaines:

1. Patricia Ann Chastain, born 15 Apr. 1955, Moultrie, Colquitt Co., Ga.
2. son Chastain, born -- --- 1956, Moultrie, Colquitt Co., Ga.

Children of Henry B. Benton (son of T. C. Benton; g-son of Aquilla Benton), and Susan Elizabeth McCormack, born 19 Mar. 1861, died 15 May 1926, Thomas Co., Ga., birth and death, the dau. of Wess W. and Pollie Ann Harrell McCormack:

1. Henry Paxton Benton, born 8 Sept. 1885, m. 1906, Lula Eva Hamilton
2. George Cleveland Benton, born 9 Apr. 1887, m. Vinnie Marie Langley
3. Drew Wesley Benton, born 29 June 1891, died 27 Feb. 1956; mar. 25 Dec. 1910, Essie Lee Bullock
4. Thomas Early Benton, born 20 Feb. 1893; m. Mamie Kent
5. Susan Pearly Benton, born 20 Feb. 1893; m. Arthur Lee Lewis
6. Polly Ann E. Benton, born 19 Nov. 1895; died 27 Dec. 1896 (infant)
7. Perry Luther Benton, born 23 Nov. 1899, m. Sarah Elizabeth Ponder
8. Ocie Lee Benton, born 23 June 19--, m. James Alex Busbee

Henry B. Benton married second, Nettie Hurst, by whom there was no issue. He is buried at Ochlochnee, Thomas Co., Ga. The first two children above named were born at Ft. White, Columbia Co., Fla., remaining children were born in Thomas Co., Ga.

Children of Henry Paxton Benton and Lula Eva Hamilton (who died 1914 in Thomas County. (he was son of Henry B., g-son of T.C., gg-son of Aquilla):

1. Eva Benton, born 16 July 1907
2. Glessie Benton, born 1911, m. Jesse Scoggins
3. Gladys Benton, born 1913, m. A. D. Hamrick (all born Thomas Co.)

Children of Henry Paxton Benton and 2nd wife, Lizzie Maranda Busbee, (born 12 Oct. 1901), (dau. of William A. Rettus Busbee and Elizabeth Haines):

1. Albert Benton, born 28 Sept. 1916; mar. Montain Rawlins
2. Myrtice Benton, born 7 July 1918; mar. Harris Bloodsworth
3. Dooris Benton, born 16 Aug. 1920; mar. Ellis Vinson
4. Ruby Benton, born 2 Mar. 1922; mar. Olin Lloyd
5. Evelyn Benton, born 4 Dec. 1923; mar. Clifton Roberts
6. Marie Benton, born 18 Mar. 1925, mar. Alvin J. Yorke
7. Margaret Benton, born 2 Sept. 1931, mar. Donald W. Spears
8. Wesley G. Benton, born 20 Nov. 1932, mar. Sandra Jean Ward, 30 Mar. 1957
9. James Lewis Benton, born 28 July 1934
10. Leland Benton, born 16 Apr. 1936. (all born Thomas Co.)

Children of Albert Benton (son of Henry Paxton, g-son Henry B., gg-son of T.C., gggson of Aquilla), and his wife Montain Rawlins, born 27 Nov. 1919 in Telfair Co., Ga., dau. of Charles Austin and Edna Gertrude Lloyd Rawlins:

1. Albert Edward Benton, born 20 Mar. 1938, Thomas Co.
2. Edna Gewna Benton, born 22 Apr. 1941, Colquitt Co.
3. Patricia Ann Benton, born 2 July 1945, Thomas Co.
4. Larry Austin Benton, born 1 Nov. 1950, Thomas Co.

Thomas Columbus Benton, son of Aquilla Benton, Descendants (continued)

Children of Myrtice Benton (dau. of Henry P., g-dau. of Henry B., gg-dau. of T. C. Benton), and husband, Harris Bloodworth, son of Rannie Bloodworth and wife Willdie Combie:

1. infant daughter
2. Leon Ponder Bloodworth, born 6 Sept. 1935, Thomas Co., Ga.
3. infant daughter
4. Donna Fay Bloodworth, born 31 Dec. 1944, Marianna, Jackson Co., Fla.

Children of Deoris Benton (dau. of Henry P., g-dau. of Henry B., gg-dau. of T. C. Benton), and husband Ellis Vinson, born 23 July 1913, Colquitt Co., son of F. B. and Arkansas Barwick Vinson:

1. Clarice Jackquelin Vinson, born 11 Nov. 1938, Moultrie, Ga.
2. Carolyn Sue, born 18 June 1940, Thomas Co., Ga.
3. Judith Ann Vinson, born 4 Mar. 1945, Thomas Co., Ga.
4. Arwana Lee Vinson, born 6 Aug. 1952, Moultrie, Colquitt Co., Ga.

Ruby Benton, (dau. of Henry P., g-dau. of Henry B., gg-dau. of T. C. Benton), and Olin Lloyd, born 12 July 1915, Colquitt Co., Ga., son of Joseph E. and Ella Virginia Von Lloyd, children:

1. Armogene Lloyd, born 13 Mar. 1940
2. Gwendolyn Lanoll Lloyd, born 13 June 1942
3. Mary Magdalene Lloyd, born 23 July 1946 (all born Colquitt Co., Ga)

Children of Evelyn Benton (dau. of Henry P., g-dau. of Henry B., gg-dau. of T.C. Benton), and Clifton Roberts:

1. Billie Ann Roberts, born 25 June 1945, Tallahassee, Leon Co., Fla.
2. Barbara Kay Roberts, born Apr. 1952, Tallahassee, Leon Co., Fla.

Children of Alvin J. Yorke and Marie Benton, (dau. of Henry P., g-dau. of Henry B., gg-dau. of T.C. Benton):

1. Gloria Dianne Yorke, born Dec. 1948, Monticello, Jefferson Co., Fla.
2. Morrice Alvin Yorke, born 2 Sept. 1951, Tallahassee, Leon, Fla.

Children of Margaret Benton, (dau. of Henry P., g-dau. of Henry B., gg-dau. of T.C. Benton), and husband, Donald W. Spears:

1. Donald David Spears, born 24 July 1951, Tallahassee, Leon, Fla.

Children of George Cleveland Benton, (son of Henry B., g-son of T. C. Benton), and Vinnie Marie Langley, born 5 Aug. 1891, Thomas Co., dau. of Joshua Langley and Rebecca Baker:

1. Henry Joshua Benton, born 13 Jan. 1907, Ochlochnee, Ga., m. Mary Lizzie Watson; 2nd, Louise Simpson.
2. Clarence Lee Benton, born 23 Sept. 1910, Ochlochnee, m. Frances America Chastain
3. Catharine Benton, born 25 Dec. 1911, m. Earnie Frooman Bloodworth
4. Willie (male) Benton, born 22 Dec. 1914, died 24 Dec. 1914, infant.
5. Callie Benton, born 12 Mar. 1916, m. Amos Massey (all b. Ochlochnee)

Thomas Columbus Benton, son of Aquilla Benton, Descendants (continued)

Children of Henry Joshua Benton, (son of George Cleveland, g-son of Henry B., gg-son of T. C. Benton); and his 1st wife, Mary Lizzie Watson:

1. Sadie Mae Benton, born 22 June 1929, m. 8 Jan. 1948, Dell Alday
2. Pauline Benton, born 12 Apr. 1932, m. 24 July 1955, Roger Butler

Children of Sadie Mae Benton, (dau. of Henry J., g-dau of Geo. C., gg-dau. of Henry B., ggg-dau. of T. C. Benton), and her husband, Dell Alday, born Donaldsonville, Ga., 31 Dec. 1923, son of Robert and Henrietta Ernest Alday:
1. David Alday, born 25 Jan. 1949
2. William Larry Alday, born 31 Aug. 1950
3. Dannie Alday, born 5 Feb. 1954 (all born Thomas Co., Ga.)

Children of Henry Joshua Benton, (son of Geo. C., g-son of Henry B., gg-son of T. C. Benton), and his wife (2nd), Louise Simpson, born 18 Mar. 1925, Thomas Co., Ga., dau. of Maurice and Bytha Smith Simpson:

1. Sylvia Benton, born 21 May 1942
2. Betty Benton, born 26 Aug. 1943,
3. Charles, born 13 May 1945
4. Billie Benton, born 10 Feb. 1948 (all born Thomas Co., Ga.)

Children of Clarence Lee Benton, (son of Geo. C., g-son of Henry B., gg-son of T. C. Benton), and his wife Frances America Chastain, dau.of Buzz Emory Chastain and Lillie Ragan:

1. Geneva Benton, born 27 June 1928, died 12 Jan. 1929, infant
2. George Buzz Benton, born 12 Sept. 1930, mar. 6 June 1953, Joan Rockly
3. Bessie Ruth Benton, born 3 Nov. 1931, mar. 22 Jan. 1949, Woodrow Wilson Rehburg
4. Frances Joan Benton, born June 1937, died 11 May 1938, infant
5. Jerrell Lee Benton, born 1 Nov. 1939
6. Ralph Wendall Benton, born 4 Oct. 1942 (all born Thomas Co., Ga.)

Children of Bessie Ruth Benton, (dau. of Clarence Lee, g-dau. of Geo. C., gg-dau of Henry B., ggg-dau. of T. C. Benton), and her husband, Woodrow Wilson Rehberg, born 16 Mar. 19--, son of Eugene and Jessie Rehberg:

1. Patricia Anne Rehberg, born 9 Nov. 1950
2. Gary Eugene Rehberg, born 22 May 1953
3. Billy Leon Rehberg, born 12 Mar. 1955

Children of Catharine Benton, (dau. of Geo. C., g-dau. of Henry B., gg-dau. of T. C. Benton), and husband, Earnie Freeman Bloodworth, born 23 June 1907 in Thomas Co., Ga., son of Louis E. Bloodworth and Betty Stephens:

1. Grace Geneva Bloodworth, born 30 Oct. 1931, m. 23 Oct. 1949, Clemons Davis
2. Leon Talmage Bloodworth, born 1932, died 1932, infant.
3. Doris Opal Bloodworth, born 7 June 1935
4. Joyce Annie Bloodworth, born 8 Apr. 1937,
5. Allen Thomas Bloodworth, born 2 Jan. 1940
6. Alvin Chippy Bloodworth, born 9 July 1944 (all born Thomas Co., Ga.)

Thomas Columbus Benton, son of Aquilla Benton, Descendants (continued)

Children of Grace Geneva Bloodsworth, (dau. of Earnie Freeman and Catherine Benton, g-dau. Geo. C., gg-dau. of Henry B., ggg-dau. T. C. Benton), and her husband, Clemons Davis, son of Clarence Davis:

1. Linda Kay Davis, born 23 Oct., 1950, Leon Co., Fla.
2. Catharine Diann Davis, born 2 Oct. 1951, Leon Co., Fla.
3. Lloyd Wayne Davis, born 8 Jan. 1953, Leon Co., Fla.

Children of Callie Benton, (dau. of Geo. C., g-dau. of Henry B., gg-dau. of T. C. Benton), and her husband Amos Massey, the son of Priscilla Massey:

1. Nadine Massey, born 22 Dec. 1942, Thomas Co., Ga.
2. Jerry Massey, born May 1949, Thomas Co., Ga.

Children of Drew Wesley Benton, (son of Henry B., gr-son T. C. Benton), and his wife, Essie Lee Bullock, born 30 Aug. 1895, died 10 Dec. 1930, buried Ochlochnee, Ga., the daughter of John T. and Callie (Watson) Bulloch:

1. John Drew Benton, born 1 Aug. 1912, died 8 July 1956; m. Ozell Norton
2. Iler Benton, born 7 Dec. 1913, died 9 Mar. 1914, infant
3. Homer Benton, born 26 Mar. 1915, died 4 Apr. 1915, infant
4. Onie Benton, born 25 Oct. 1916, mar. Carlton Stokes
5. Dorothy Benton, born 16 Apr. 1919; m. Alton Chastain
6. Henry B. Benton, born 3 June 1921, died 9 May 1955
7. Cecil Benton, born 12 Aug. 1923
8. Little Doll Benton, born 27 July 1927, died 2 Aug. 1927, infant
9. Thomas Dallace Benton, born 10 Dec. 1929, mar. Jewell Dean Cooper

(All born Thomas Co., Ga.)

Children of John Drew Benton, (son of Drew Wesley, gr-son of Henry B., gg-son of T. C. Benton), and his wife Ozell Norton:

1. Eugene Benton, born Ochlochnee, Thomas Co., Ga.
2. Hilda Benton, born Ochlochnee, Thomas Co., Ga.

Children of Dorothy Benton, (dau. of Drew Wesley, g-dau. of Henry B., gg-dau. of T. C. Benton), and her husband, Alton Chastain:

1. Shirley Chastain

Children of Drew Wesley Benton, (son of Henry B., g-son T. C. Benton), and his second wife, Jewell Willingham, born 4 Feb. 1912, Cotton, Ga., dau. of Robert and Mattie (Williams) Willingham:

1. Bettie Frances Benton, born 9 Nov. 1947, Thomas Co., Ga.

No children were born to Thomas Early Benton, (son of Henry B., g-son of T. C. Benton), and his 2nd wife, Lula Sapp, dau. of Allen and Margaret Louise Dix Sapp; and no children by his 1st wife, Minnie (Mamie) Kent. (Lula Sapp was Lula Sapp Rogers, born 17 Sept. 1877).

Children of Susan Pearly Benton, (dau. Henry B., g-dau. T. C. Benton), and her husband, Arthur Lee Lewis, born 17 May 1885, son of Richard and Ellen(Brock) Lewis:

1. Pervis Lee Lewis, born 17 Jan. 1911, m. 26 Apr. 1930, Beerly Mae Gimblebary; 2nd. Rosa Cooper

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2. William Henry Lewis, born 14 Aug. 1912, m. 12 Dec. 1930, Myrtis M. Bond
3. Laila Eunice Lewis, born 4 Dec. 1914, m. 12 July 1930, Othan Robert Hick
4. Preston Lewis, born 20 May 1919, died 25 July 1922, child
5. Wiley Thomas Lewis, born 11 Aug. 1921, m. Bessie Whalie
(All born Thomas Co., Ga.)

Children of Pervis Lee Lewis, (son of Susan P. Lewis, g-son Henry B., gg-son T. C. Benton), and his wife, Bearty Mae Singletary, born 15 Jan. 1916, Thomas Co., dau. of Sylvester and Lila (Sims) Singletary:

1. La Vaughn Lee Lewis, born 4 May 1933, mar. Mary Ella Miller
2. Donnie Lewis, born 27 Nov. 1935, mar. Juanita Elrode
3. Emory Lee Lewis, born 4 Oct. 1938, died 1 Dec. 1951, child

Pervis Lee Lewis married 2nd, Rosa Cooper.

Children of La Vaughn Lee Lewis, (son of Pervis Lee, g-son of Susan P. Lewis, gg-son of Henry B. Benton, ggg-son T. C. Benton), and his wife, Mary Ella Miller:

1. Anthony Lee Lewis, born Thomas Co., Ga.
2. Osanna Lewis, born Oct. 1955, Thomas Co., Ga.

Children of Donnie Lewis, (son of Pervis Lewis, g-son of Susan P. Lewis, gg-son of Henry B. Benton, ggg-son T. C. Benton), and his wife Juanita Elrode:

1. Linda Kay Lewis
2. Darling Lewis (female)

Children of William Henry Lewis, (son of Arthur Lee and Susan P. Benton Lewis, g-son of Henry B. Benton, gg-son T. C. Benton), and his wife, Myrtis Mozelle Bond, (dau. Nellie Mae Benton Bond and Robert G. W. Bond):

1. W. L. Lewis, born 15 Feb. 1932, died. 4 June 1949
2. Carol Lee Lewis (male), born 1934
3. Ann Lewis, born 1936, died 1937.

Children of Laila Eunice Lewis, (dau. of Susan Benton Lewis, g-dau. of Henry B. Benton, gg-son T. C. Benton), and her husband, Robert Othan Hicks, born 25 Feb. 1912, Grady Co., Ga., son of Wm. Hicks and Mollie Knight:

1. William Arthur Hicks, b. 28 May 1931, m. 21 June 1948, Helen Reedy
2. Opal Bettie Hicks, b. 28 Oct. 1932, Hardee, Fla., m. 25 Feb. 1956, m. Edison Al Burnes
3. Robert Ray Hicks, b. 22 Sept. 1935
4. Larray Jene Hicks, b. 17 Nov. 1937
5. Beverly Faye Hicks, b. 17 Mar. 1941 (all b. Thomas except Opal)

Children of William Arthur Hicks, Sr., born 28 May 1931, Thomas Co., (son Othan Robert & Laila Eunice Lewis Hicks, g-son Susan Benton Lewis, gg-son Henry B. Benton, ggg-son T. C. Benton), and his wife Helen Reedy, dau. of Arthur Reedy:

1. Beverly Laila Hicks, b. 18 Feb. 1950, Essex, N. J.
2. Debra Marie Hicks, b. 18 Feb. 1952, Essex, N. J.
3. William Arthur Hicks, Jr., b. 21 May 1955, Essex, N. J.

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Children of Perry Luther Benton, (son of Henry B. Benton and Susan Elizabeth McCormack), born 23 Nov. 1899, and married 8 Sept. 1918, to Sarah Elizabeth Ponder, born 29 May 1901, Decatur Co., Ga., dau. of John Ross and Emma Elizabeth (Brock) Ponder:

1. Myrtle Esther Benton, born 4 Apr. 1920, m. Clyde Griffin
2. Vera Cornelia Benton, born 2 Dec. 1921, m. Willis Lee Palmer
3. Sarah Lera Benton, born 16 Nov. 1924, m. Leon Fielding
4. Madie Emma Lee Benton, born 6 Apr. 1927, m. James McClendon
5. Edna Elizabeth Benton, born 26 Feb. 1930, m. Hildon Palmer (bro. to W.L.)
6. Edward Junior Benton, born 6 Aug. 1932
7. Earieal Jeannett Benton, born 12 Mar. 1935, m. Mr. Tucker
8. Jimmie Perry Benton, born 6 June 1938
9. Charles Donald Benton, bor 10 Mar. 1940
10. Ronald Wayne Benton, born 31 Dec. 1944 (all born Thomas Co., Ga.)

Children of Myrtle Esther Benton, (dau. of Perry Luther, g-dau. of Henry B., gg-dau. T. C. Benton); and Clyde Griffin, born 13 Apr. 1913, Thomas Co., son of John Henry and Ittie Emma (Willis) Griffin:

1. Bobby Dean Griffin, born 23 July 1941
2. Gloria Dian Griffin, born 22 Nov. 1947
3. Sarah Virginia Griffin, born 18 Jan. 1955 (all born Thomas Co., Ga.)

Children of Vera Cornelia Benton, (dau. of Perry Luther, g-dau. of Henry B., gg-dau. T. C. Benton), and Willis Lee Palmer, Sr.:

1. Bettie Jean Palmer
2. Martha Palmer
3. Willis Lee Palmer
4. Michael Palmer

Children of Sarah Lera Benton, (dau. of Perry Luther, g-dau. of Henry B., gg-dau. T. C. Benton), and Leland (Leon) Fielding:

1. Sandra Fielding

Children of Madie Emma Lee Benton, (dau. of Perry Luther, g-dau. of Henry B., gg-dau. T. C. Benton), and James McClendon:

1. Winton McClendon
2. Darlane McClendon

Children of Edna Elizabeth Benton, (dau. of Perry Luther, g-dau. of Henry B., gg-dau. T. C. Benton), and Hildon Palmer:

1. Anthony Palmer
2. son Palmer

Children of Earieal Jeanett Benton, (dau. of Perry Luther, g-dau. of Henry B. gg-dau. T. C. Benton), and Lafayette Tucker, born 14 Apr. 1933, Thomas Co., Ga., son of Reuben Earl and Rosa Lee (Kirkland) Tucker:

1. Pamela Teresa Tucker, born 20 Apr. 1956, Thomas Co., Ga.

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Children of Ocie Lee Benton, (dau. of Henry B., g-dau. T. C. Benton), and James Alex Busbee, born 2 Aug. 1896, Ga., died 14 Dec. 1926, Thomas County, son of William A. Rettus Busbee and Elizabeth Haines:

1. Susie Elizabeth Busbee, born 29 Sept. 1917, Thomas Co., m. 1st Charles Chester Benton; 2nd, Eakel A. Johnson (no issue from latter husband)
2. Marion Margaret Busbee, born 5 Dec. 1920, Jefferson Co., Gla., died 10 Mar. 1939; m. Emory Cecil Lewis
3. James Wallace Busbee, born 3 Nov. 1922, Stockton, Ga., d. 30 Dec. 1922

Ocie Lee Benton m. 2nd, Hoyt Watson, and 3rd, Silas Wesley Carter.

Children of Susie Elizabeth Busbee, (dau. of James Alex Busbee, g-dau. of Henry B., g-dau. T. C. Benton), and Charles Chester Benton, born 18 Jan. 1908, Thomas Co., son of David Lee and Florence M. (Hagan)Benton:

1. Helen Earline Benton, born 21 Mar. 1931, m. Elwood Alligood
2. Charles Wallace Benton, born 28 Mar. 1932, m. Dorothy Winifred Johns
3. Robert Lee Benton, born Nov. 1933, m. Peggie Watkins
4. Thomas Edward Benton, born 29 Dec. 1935, m. Doris Mae Crews

Charles Chester Benton, husband above, married 2nd, Erma Wishorn; Susie Elizabeth Busbee, wife above, mar. 2nd, Eakel A. Johnson, (no issue).

Children of Helen Earline Benton, (dau. of Charles Chester Benton and Susie Elizabeth Busbee, g-dau. James Alex Busbee, gg-dau. Henry B., ggg-dau. T. C. Benton), and Elwood Alligood, son of Gordon Alligood and Carrie Pullins Alligood.

1. Michael Stephens Alligood, born 21 Sept. 1949
2. Thomas Wayne Alligood, born 30 Dec. 1953

Charles Wallace Benton, (son of Susie Elizabeth, g-son James Alex Busbee, gg-son Henry B., ggg-son T. C. Benton), and his wife Dorothy Winifred Johns, born 18 May 1934, St. George, Ga., the dau. of Rosa Craig and Mr. Johns, had no children.

Children of Robert Lee Benton, (son of Charles Chester Benton and Susie Elizabeth Busbee, g-son James Alex Busbee, gg-son Henry B., ggg-son T.C. Benton), and Peggie Watkins, born 16 June 1932, dau. of Teddy Watkins and the former Miss Clark:

1. Sandra Louise Benton, born 28 Oct. 1952, Thomas Co., Ga.
2. Patricia Ann Benton, born 17 Nov. 1953, Thomas Co., Ga.

Children of Thomas Edward Benton, (son of Chas. Chester Benton & Susie E. Busbee, g-son James Alex Busbee, gg-son Henry B., ggg-son T. C. Benton), and Doris Mae Crews, born 1 Nov. 1935:

1. Lynn Ann Benton, born 16 Aug. 1955, Jacksonville, Duval, Fla.

Children of Marion Margaret Busbee, (dau. of James Alx. Buxbee and Ocie Lee Benton, g-dau. Henry B., gg-dau. T. C. Benton), and Emory Cecil Lewis, son of Rev. Jim and Betty(Lisenby)Lewis:

1. Tonie Antinett Lewis, born 7 Mar. 1939 - (adopted out; uses Nelson name)

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Ocie Lee Benton, (dau. of Henry B., g-dau. T. C. Benton), married Silas Wesley Carter, son of Elijah A. and Annie Eliza (Owens) Carter, born 3 Jan. 1891, Thomas Co., Ga. There is no issue by this marriage.

Children of Thomas Joshua Benton, Sr., (son of Thomas Columbus Benton), and his wife, Mary Cornelia Benton, born 8 Aug. 1879, daughter of William Henry and Sarah Frances(Taylor) Benton:

1. Bessie Mae Benton, born 20 Dec. 1894, m. Tom Lewis
2. Jim Willie Benton, born 8 Aug. 1897, died 15 Aug. 1933; m. Lucy Bass
3. Lottie Bennie Benton, born 25 Dec. 1903, m. Raymond Scoggins 1st, and 2nd, Mr. Huff; 3rd Mr. Drawdy
4. Harvin Eugene Benton, born 1 May 1907, m. Ethel Bloodworth 1st, and 2nd Wilmare Ollie Cooper Jones
5. Bryant Wright Benton, born 4 June 1911, m. Catherine Johnson 1st, and 2nd Ruth Henry, 3rd Erline White
6. Thomas (Pat) Joshua Benton, Jr., born 16 Oct. 1913, m. Clarica Jackson
7. Joseph Bennie Benton, born 31 Aug. 1916, m. Maggie Bass.

All of the above children were born in Thomas County. Their mother, Mary Cornelia is affectionately known as "Aunt Scrap" and resides at Ochlochnee, Ga. She is now Mrs. Bob White.

Children of Bessie Mae Benton, (dau. of Thomas Joshua Benton and Mary Cornelia Benton, g-dau. of Thomas Columbus Benton), and Tom Lewis, the Jim and Georgia Ann(Brock) Lewis:

1. Lucille Lewis, m. Eugene Richardson
2. Jewell Lewis, m. Grover Cursie
3. Howard Lewis, m. Ruth Calvin
4. Eunice Lewis, m. Jene Edwards
5. Agnes Lewis, m. Edward Schabor 1st,
6. J. D. Lewis m. Nellie Selef
7. Dorothy Lewis, m. Cecil Cutts
8. Marie Lewis m. Waterfield
9. Blanch Lewis m. Brinson (all born Thomas Co., Ga.)

Children of Jim Willis Benton, (son of Thomas Joshua Benton and Mary Cornelia Benton, g-son of Thomas Columbus Benton), and Lucy Bass, born 29 Aug. 1896, dau. of Steve and Rebecca(Singeltary) Bass:

1. Oland Benton, born 18 July 1916, m. 23 July 1937, Gladys Green
2. Leon Wiley Benton, born 14 Nov. 1918, m. 13 June 1938, Ella Mae Gregory
3. Ernest Jack Benton, born 17 Dec. 1921, m. 1 Mar. 1952, Viola Hays

Children of Lottie Binnie Benton, (dau. of Thomas Joshua Benton and Mary Cornelia Benton, g-dau. of Thomas Columbus Benton) and Raymond Scoggins, son of Sauls and Iris(McQuire) Scoggins:

1. Beatrice Scoggins, born 1923, m. J. V. Searcy
2. James Scoggins, born 1925
3. Madie Mary Scoggins, born 1927 (all born Thomas Co., Ga.)

Lottie Binnie Benton m. 2nd Mr. Huff and 3rd Mr. Drawdy.

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Children of Harvie Eugene Benton, (son of Thomas Joshua Benton and Mary Caroline Benton, g-son of Thomas Columbus Benton), and Ethel, daughter of Monroe and Bettie (Stephens) Bloodworth:

1. Clyde Benton married Joyce Green
2. Lillie Mae Benton mar. Robert Patterson
3. Bernice Benton married Marvin Brooks
4. Noll Benton married George Hood (all born Thomas Co., Ga.)

Children of Bryant Wright Benton, (son of Thomas Joshua Benton and Mary Cornelia Benton, g-son of Thomas Columbus Benton) and Catherine Johnson, (deceased), dau. of Jennie (Hunt) Johnson and Mr. Johnson:

1. Jacquelyn Benton born 9 Nov. 1913, Thomas Co., Ga.
2. Jimmie Benton, born 10 Apr. 1935, Thomas Co., Ga.

Children of Bryant Wright Benton and his second wife, Ruth Henry, daughter of Paul Hendry:

1. Lillian Benton, born 1935, Leon Co., Fla.
2. Josephine Benton, born 1937, Leon Co., Fla.
3. Jerry Benton, born 1939, Thomas Co., Ga.
4. Charlie Benton, born 23 Dec. 1943, Leon, Fla.) twins
5. Johnie Benton, born 23 Dec. 1943, Leon, Fla.

Children of Bryant Wright Benton and his third wife, Erline White:

1. Fay Benton, born 29 Feb. 1956, St. Petersburg, Pinellas, Fla.

Children of Thomas Joshua Benton, Jr., (known as "Pat"), (son of Thomas J. Sr., g-son of Thomas Columbus Benton) and Clarice Jackson, dau. of Jodie and Mollie(Pollard) Jackson:

1. Patsy Patricia Benton born 19 Oct. 1937, married 16 June 1956, Edward T. Moore
2. Jeff Benton born 28 Dec. 1942
3. Margaret Clarice Benton born 12 Dec. 1943 (all born Thomas Co., Ga.)

Patsy Patricia Benton, (dau. of Thos. J. Jr., g-dau. of Thos. J., Sr., gg-dau. of Thomas C. Benton), and Edward T. Moore, born Charlottesville, Albemarle Co., Va., in the U.S.A.F. A-1c, had no issue, at time this record was compiled.

Children of Joseph Bennie Benton, (son of Thomas Joshua, g-son of T. C.) and Maggie Bass, dau. of Mack and Ethel(Parramore) Bass:

1. Jo Ann Benton, born 11 Aug. 1935, Thomas Co., m. Charles Howell
2. Betty Joan Benton, born 17 Apr. 19--, Greenville, Fla.
3. Billy Benton, born Dec. 19--, Thomas Co., Ga.) twins
4. Ed Benton, born Dec. 19--, Thomas Co., Ga.

Joseph Benton, (son of Thomas Columbus Benton), married 1st, Nancy Stephens Myrick, dau. of Sim and Missouri(Harrell)Myrick, his first cousin. Joseph married second Margaret Ann Monton, born 13 Apr. 1872, died 2 Feb. 1915, bur. Ft. White, Columbia, Fla., the dau. of William Monton and a Miss Smith. The children by Margaret Ann Monton are:

Thomas Columbus Benton, son of Aquilla Benton, Descendants, (Continued)

1. Lewis Pittston Benton, born 12 Jan. 1894, Ft. White, Columbia Co., Fla., where all of these children were born; m. Idolla Bennett
2. Nellie Augustine Benton, born 16 Nov. 1897, d. 29 Aug. 1957 married William Allison Chastain
3. Ellie Lucille Benton, born 17 Jan. 1901, d. 17 Sept. 1953 married Razz Dorminey.
4. Samuel Nance Benton, born 12 Dec. 1902, m. 28 Nov. 1926, Lizzie May Green
5. Joe Wheller Benton, born and died 1904, infant.

Children of Lewis Pittston Benton, born 12 Jan. 1894, (son of Joseph, g-son of T. C. Benton), and Idolla Bennett, born 1900, Palatka, Putnam Co.,Fla.; the dau. of Lucy Bennett.

1. infant daughter Benton, born and died 1922 at Starke, Bradford Co.,Fla.
   The following were born in Miami, Dade Co., Fla.:
2. Vergie Lee Mae Benton, born 19 Oct. 1926, married Mr. Brown
3. Virginia Fay Benton, born 19 Oct. 1926, married Mr. Orlands
4. Charles Eugne Benton, born 1928
5. Nellie Lucille Benton, born 29 May 1933, mar. Richard Rodriguez
6. Richard Lewis Benton, born 14 July 1934

Children of Ellie Lucille Benton, (dau. of Joseph, g-dau. of T. C. Benton), and Razz Dorminey, Sr., born Tifton, Ga.:

1. Razz Dorminey, Jr., born Oct. 1920, died April 1921, 6 mo. old, bur. Silomo Cem., Columbia Co., Fla.
2. Beulah Angele Dorminey, born 12 Nov. 1921, m. Josh Stapleton
3. Annie Beatrice Dorminey, born 29 Oct. 1925, m. Arthur Oscar Peterson
4. J. W. Dorminey, born 25 Jan. 1927, m. Thelma Thomas

(All those children born Columbia Co.)

Children of Beulah Angele Dorminey, (dau. of Razz and Ellie L. Benton, g-dau. of Joseph, gg-dau. of T. C. Benton), and Josh Stapleton:

1. Daniel Stapleton, born 17 Oct. 1943, Columbia, Fla.
2. Emory Stapleton, born 18 June 1945, Columbia, Fla.

Children of Annie Beatrice Dorminey, (dau. of Ellie L. Benton, g-dau. of Joseph, gg-dau. of T. C. Benton) and Arthur Oscar Peterson, b. 17 Jan. 1920:

1. Arthur Oscar Peterson, Jr., born 26 Dec. 1946, Columbia, Fla.
2. Annie Lucille Peterson, born 6 Oct. 1951 "
3. Eric Leigh Peterson, born 14 Mar. 1953 "
4. Euna Catherine Peterson, b. 3 Sept. 1955 "

Children of J. W. Dorminey, (son of Ellie L. Benton, g-son, Joseph, gg-son of T. C. Benton) and Thelma Thomas:

1. Debra Ann Dorminey, born 31 Jan. 1954, Columbia Co., Fla.
2. Steven Wayne Dorminey, born 1 Feb. 1955, Columbia Co., Fla.

Children of Ellie Lucille Benton, (dau. Joseph, g-dau. T. C.), and Fred Lee Johnson, b. 2 Apr. 1899, son of Wiley Pasco and Frank Taylor Johnson)

1. Fred Elbert Johnson, born 30 Dec. 1930, Lake City, Fla. m. Dorothy

Ellie Lucille Benton's husband, Fred Leo Johnson, married 2nd, Nollie Augustine Benton. Ellie Lucille is buried Lake City, Fla.

Children of Fred Elbert Johnson, (son of Ellie Lucille Benton, g-son Joseph, and gg-son T. C.), and wife Dorothy:

1. Cheryl Johnson, born 21 Dec. 1954, Columbia Co., Fla.

Children of Samuel Nance Benton, (son of Joseph, g-son of T. C. Benton), and wife Lizzie May Green, born 27 May 1908, dau. of William James (Green) and Fannie Lee Calvert:

1. Joseph Earl Benton, born 15 Nov. 1930, Miami, Dade Co., Fla.
2. Franklin Jackson Benton, born 10 Aug. 1933, Miami, Dade Co., Fla.
3. Sidney James Benton, born 22 Sept. 1934, Miami, Dade Co., Fla.

Children of Joseph Benton, (son of T. C. Benton), and wife, Lee Anna Padgett, born 1888, Lake City, Fla., died Mar. 1923, same place, dau. of Lucious and Sarah (Lane) Padgett:

1. Dewey Hampton Benton, born 2 Apr. 1917, Ft. White, Fla., a War Veteran who died 20 July 1945
2. Marvin Joseph Benton, born 7 Jan. 1919, (same), d. 7 Dec. 1951
3. Thomas Wise Benton, born 1 Apr. 1921, (same), d. 2 Apr. 1923, infant

Children of Charles Hansel Benton, (son Thomas Columbus Benton), and Barbara Alice Benton, born 16 July 1870, d. 5 Jan. 1938, Thomas Co., dau. of John Wesley and Martha (Adams) Benton:

1. William Columbus Benton, born 16 Jan. 1890, m. Ola Mae Hagan
2. Thomas McKinley Benton, born 3 Mar. 1892, d. 1920
3. Mary Benton, born 1894 and died 1894, infant.
4. infant son (twin) Benton, born 1896, died 1896, infant.
5. infant dau. (twin), born 1896, died 1896, infant.
6. Robert Lee Benton, born 28 Aug. 1900, mar. Mary Pink Smith 1st, and 2nd, Ella Mae Gafford, 3rd Alice Rawls.
7. John Henry Benton, born 28 Apr. 1907
8. Albert Hansel Benton, born 12 Mar. 1909, m. Willie Mae Wimberly
9. Haskel Benton, born and died 1911. (All born Thomas Co., Ga.)

Children of William Columbus Benton, (son of Charles H. Benton, g-son of T. C. Benton), and Ola Mae Hagan, dau. of Joe and Carrie (Foy) Hagan, she was born 11 June 1899:

1. William Albert Benton, born 3 June 1917, m. 25 Aug. 1940, Cora Louise Cannon
2. Willie Mae Benton, born 6 Dec. 1919, m. Ronald Medford Lynd
3. Carrie Alberta Benton, born 25 Nov. 1922, m. William Stogall, 1st, and 2nd, Leroy Hanson
4. Scott Whiddon Benton, born 23 Feb. 1925, m. Eva Mae Plymal
5. Alice Ophela Benton, born 7 June 1928, m. Delard Jarrard 1st, 2nd, W. J. Allen, Jr.
6. Fondren Lundys Benton, born 6 Sept. 1930, m. Mary Easter Frazier
7. Franklin Eugene Benton, born 8 Mar. 1935, m. Inez Jackson

Thomas Columbus Benton, son of Aquilla Benton, Descendants (continued)

Children of William Albert Benton, (son of William C. Benton, g-son of Charles H. Benton, gg-son of T. C. Benton), and Cora Lee Cannon:

1. Bonnie Jerry Benton, born 15 Oct. 1942, Macon, Bibb, Ga.
2. Phebia Joyce Benton, born 2 Nov. 1948, Thomasville, Ga.
3. Candice Jaunnell Benton, born 8 Feb. 1953, Chattanooga, Tenn.
4. Wanda Sue Benton, born 7 Apr. 1954, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Children of Willie Mae Benton, (dau. of Wm. Columbus, g-dau. of Charles H., gg-dau. of T. C. Benton), and Ronald Medford Lynd:

1. Ronald Medford Lynd, born 23 Dec. 1944, Orlando, Fla.
2. Sharon Kaye Lynd, born 2 Nov. 1946, Orlando, Fla.
3. Glynda Sue Lynd, born 10 July 1950, Orlando, Fla.

Children of Carrie Alberta Benton, born 25 Nov. 1922, (dau. of Wm. Columbus, g-dau. of Charles H. and gg-dau. of T. C. Benton) and William Stegall:

1. William Reid Stegall, born 26 Feb. 1942

Children of Carrie Alberta Benton, (dau. of Wm. Columbus, g-dau. of Chas. H. and gg-dau. of T. C. Benton), and Leroy Hanson:

1. Patricia Ann Hanson
2. Terry Hanson

Children of Scott Whiddon Benton, (son of William C. Benton, g-son of Charles H. and gg-son of T. C. Benton) and Eva Mae Plymal:

1. Melvin Scott Benton, born 25 Dec. 1948
2. Sherry Benton, born 17 Dec. 1949
3. Eva Marie Benton, born 7 Sept. 1956 (all born Thomas Co., Ga.)

Children of Alice Ophela Benton, (dau. of Wm. Columbus, g-dau. of Chas. H., and gg-dau. of T. C. Benton), and Delard Jarrard:

1. Alice Fay Jarrard
2. Mary Ann Jarrard

Children of Fondren Lundy Benton, (son of Wm. Columbus, g-son of Chas. H. and gg-son of T. C. Benton); and Mary Ester Frazier:

1. Alice Gail Benton, born 22 May 1952
2. William Fondren Benton, 8 Dec. 1954

Children of Franklin Eugene Benton, (son of Wm. Columbus Benton and Ola Mae Hagen, g-son of Chas. H., and gg-son of T. C. Benton), and Inez Jackson; born 5 Dec. 1938, Thomas Co., dau. of Andrew Hugo Jackson and Bertha Lee Tucker:

1. Wanda Lee Benton, born 4 June 1955, Thomas Co., Ga.

Children of Robert Lee Benton, born 28 Aug. 1900, Thomas Co., (son of Charles Hansel, g-son of T. C. Benton), and Mary Pink Smith, b. 5 Sept. 1900, dau. Jeff David Smith and his wife Dora Smith:

Thomas Columbus Benton, son of Aquilla Benton, Descendants (continued):

1. Alice Mosell Benton, born 13 Apr. 1923, Thomas Co., m. John Young
2. Jeff David Benton, born Apr. 1924, Thomas Co., m. Dixie Kemp
3. John Joseph Benton, born 18 Sept. 1926, Thomas Co., m. in England, Bettie Foskie
4. Alice Goldie Benton, born 8 May 1936, m. J. D. Cannon

Albert Hansel Benton, (son Charles Hansel, g-son T. C. Benton), and his wife Willie Mae Wimberly, born 30 Apr. 1896, Bainbridge Co., Ga., the dau. of Zeak and Elizabeth Wimberly, have no issue.

Children of Sarah Jane (Sallie) Benton, (dau. of Thomas Columbus) and John Henry Chastain, son of Joseph H. Chastain and Sarah A. Myrick:

1. Sarah Frances Chastain, born 16 Aug. 1892, died same day, infant
2. Josephine Chastain, born 27 Apr. 1894, m. George Lamar Carter
3. Johnnie Belle Chastain, born 9 Oct. 1895, died young
4. Rosa Jannie Chastain, born 13 Dec. 1896, died young
5. Margaret Martha Chastain, born 1 June 1898
6. Henry Fabin Chastain, born 1 Nov. 1899, m. Grace Stewart 1st, and Alice Ragon, 2nd
7. Thomas Franklin Chastain, born 20 Sept. 1903, died young
8. Mae Chastain, born 26 Feb. 1905, m. Elijah Floyd Morris
9. Thelma Mettie Chastain, born 30 Jan. 1908, m. Luther J. Lewis

Children of Joseph-ine Chastain, (dau. John and Sarah Jane Benton, g-dau. T. C. Benton) and George Lamar Carter:

1. Sarah Eassey Carter, b. 19 Nov. 1914, m. Mr. Baldon
2. Mary Deassy Carter, b. 1916, m. Robert Eugene Chastain
3. Wallace Leon Carter, b. 29 July 1918, m. Gladys Yates
4. Hollis Lamar Carter, m. Phronie Mae Ott
5. Martha Marie, m. William H. Chastain
6. Grace Onetter Carter, b. Mar. 19--, m. Mallard C. Ragon
7. Josie Ola Carter, b. 9 May 1928, m. Albert E. Scott
8. Janie Elizabeth Carter, b. 1 July 1931, m. Robert Meadows

Children of Henry Fabin Chastain, (son John H. and Sarah Jane Benton, g-son T. C. Benton), and Grace Stewart:

1. Joseph Franklin Chastain
2. Sampson Chastain) twins
3. Samuel Chastain
4. Amos Chastain
5. Mary Martha Chastain
6. Evelyn Chastain
7. Eugene Chastain

Children of Mae Chastain, (dau. John Henry Chastain and Sarah Jane Benton, g-son T. C. Benton) and Elijah Floyd Morris, b. 13 Apr. 1916, son of James Pickon and Lizzie (Mills) Morris):

1. Dorothy Mae Morris, b. 5 May 1947, Grady Co., Ga.

Children of Andrew Benton, (son of Thomas C. Benton) and Retta Calhoun:

1. David Benton, m. Minnie Pitts

Thomas Columbus Benton, son of Aquilla Benton, Descendants (continued):

2. Minnie Lee Benton
3. Ethel Benton married Butler Pitts, brother to Minnie Pitts

Andrew Benton above father, was killed on a log train, Thomas Co.

Children of John Wesley Benton, (son Thomas Columbus Benton), and Minnie Carter; dau. of Jim and Clara Carter:

1. Anna Mae Benton, m. Buster Cannon
2. Alphie Benton, m. Jesse Carter
3. John Benton, m. a Kennedy
4. Ruby Benton, m. Jess Croley
5. Mattie Benton, m. a Wilkis
6. Beddie Benton (all born Georgia)

Children of Robert A. Benton, (son of T. C. Benton), and Teeter Myrick, his cousin, the dau. of John E. and Susan Rejoiner Myrick:

1. Ervin Benton, killed in train and car wreck, m. Wilmare C. Jones

Children of Ervin Benton, (son of Robt. A., and g-son of T. C. Benton), and wife, Wilmare C. Jones, the dau. of Jacob C. and Ollie (Cooper) Jones:

1. Roy Benton
2. son Benton

After his death, the widow married Harvie E. Benton.

References: 1860, 1870, 1880 Thomas County, Georgia U.S. Census; Thomas Co., Ga., Marriages; Cemeteries: Smith Cem., Ochlochnee Cem., Thomas Co., Ga.; Ft. White Cem., Ft. White, Fla., also Elom Cem. there; Family Bibles and family information from: Nellie Benton Johnson, Lake City, Fla.; Samuel Nance Benton, Ft. White, Fla.; Thomas Early Benton, Thomasville, Ga.; Henry Paxton Benton, Ochlochnee, Ga.; Mrs. Margaret Spears, Ochlochnee, Ga.; George and Vinnie Benton, Ochlochnee, Ga.; Mrs. Frances Benton, Lakeland, Fla.; Drew Wesley Benton, Ochlochnee, Ga.; Arthur & Pearly Lewis, Ochlochnee, Ga.; Laila Lewis Hicks, Jacksonville, Fla.; Wm. Arthur Hicks, Jacksonville, Fla.; Perry & Sarah Benton, Ochlochnee, Ga.; Ocie Lee Benton Carter, Thomasville, Ga.; Charles Wallace Benton, Jacksonville, Fla.; Susie Elizabeth Busbee Johnson, Jacksonville, Fla.; Mary Cornelia Benton White; Robert Lee Benton, John Henry Benton, Albert Hansel Benton, all at Live Oak, Fla.; William Columbus Benton, Thomasville, Ga.; Mrs. Chastain Morris, Thomasville, Ga.; also newspaper notices.

When William James Benton, son of Aquilla Benton, left Thomas County, he chose St. Marks, a small fishing village, in Wakulla County, Florida, to be his home the remainder of his days. That he chose this vicinity rather than another is no doubt due to other Bentons living there who were his close kindred, it is presumed. However, up until this time, their relationship to Aquilla Benton has not been established. Since their descendants as well as Aquilla's feel that there was a kinship, it was felt that the available information on this family should not be omitted from this record.

Mrs. A. L. Porter, Crawfordville, Florida, attended our Benton reunion, and she has permitted the writer to copy the family bible record of her Bentons, the first recorded being the subject of this sketch, James T. Benton.

James Tinsley Benton, Sr., was born 20 Nov. 1808, died 3 Dec. 1860; he married 18 Feb. 1829, Caroline Missa Ponder, born 5 Aug. 1819, died 5 July 1872. To them were born:

1. Leonidas Lloyd Benton, born 22 Nov. 1834
2. Lucy Benton, born 30 Nov. 1837
3. Lollemma Walker Benton, born 31 Mar. 1839; died 21 Jan. 1860
4. Emma Benton, born 13 Jan. 1842; died 21 Jan. 1842 (infant)
5. James Tinsley Benton, Jr., born 30 Nov. 1842
6. Susian Carline Benton, born 12 Oct. 1844; died 7 July 1872
7. Mary Elizabeth Benton, born 29 Dec. 1846; died 10 July 1870
8. Augustus Lafayett Benton, born 26 Oct. 1848; died 11 Feb. 1861
9. George Washington Benton, born 25 Oct. 1850; md. 12 Oct. 1876, Rachel Jane White 1st; Caroline Posey, 2nd.
10. Laura Benton, born 20 Jan. 1857

Entries in this family bible include three Bentons whose birth dates just precede the birthdate of the first child's above, but their parents' or brothers' and sisters' identity is not known to us:

William Nelson Benton, born 21 Nov. 1828
Permelia Frances Benton, born 21 June 1831
Nathan Benton, born 24 Mar. 1833

Other Benton entries in this bible included Thomas Tinsley Benton, Born 26 Feb. 1888; and Susan Carrie Benton, born 14 Apr. 1890; died 1921.

Children of George Washington Benton, son of James T. Benton, above, and his first wife, Rachel Jane White, born 7 Apr. 1855, Wakulla Co., Fla.:

1. Starling Foster Benton, born 22 July 1877, died 23 Oct. 1879
2. Lawrie Americus Benton, born 22 Sept. 1879, died 16 Feb. 1951, married first, Mrs. John or Missouri Council
3. Mattie Leslie Benton, born 15 Dec. 1882, died 12 Apr. 1919 married William Michel Harvey

Though no record was obtained of a family for George Washington Benton by his wife, Caroline Posey, it is wondered if another George Washington Benton whose tombstone record follows, was not a son by her:

George W. Benton, born Oct. 30, 1886, died Oct. 27, 1937. Children by his wife, Lillie Kersey:

1. Georgia Benton
2. Victor Benton
3. Curtis Benton
4. Barbara Benton married Junious Pope, Jr.
5. Bertha Benton

Children of Barbara Benton, above, and Junious Pope, son of Junious Sr.,

1. Jerry Orollo Pope, born 15 Dec. 1946, St. Marks, Fla.
2. Sherry Ann Pope, 23 Nov. 1950, St. Marks, Fla.
3. Tamela Deniese Pope, 20 Sept. 1954, St. Marks, Fla.

Children of Mattie Leslie Benton, (daughter of George Washington Benton and Rachel Jane White) and William Michael Harvey, born 12 Feb. 1878, Wakulla Co., Fla., died 1955, same place:

1. Mattie Alma Harvey, born 16 Oct. 1904, Wakulla, m. Charles W. Tucker
2. Hazel Benton Harvey, born 2 Dec. 1906, m. A. L. Porter
3. Roland Dupont Harvey, born 25 May 19--, m. Willie V. McLaughlin.

If there are any readers who can shed further light as to the connection between the above Bentons and the descendants of Aquilla Benton, your correspondence will be welcome by the author.

Addendum & Errata

Unavoidably, typographical errors have appeared in this book. Please mark these corrections in your copy.

Page 12 - David Lee Benton, Sr.'s first child, Ruby Lee Benton, died 5 Dec. 1923 (the "3" failed to print).
David Lee Benton, Sr.'s sixth child, David Lee, Jr., married Pauline Elwell, (not Paul Elwell).

Page 19 - Paragraph of References: (5th line) Sarah E. Hines Shaiver, (not Shainer).

Page 21 - Child #7 (top of page), dau. of Bathsheba Virginia Butler Rodriguez, who married Economonpoulos, is presently md. to G. E. Birn.

Page 23 - Child #1 (middle of page), son of Ethel Pearl Butler McCall, Malcolm Curtis, m. Lillian Crowson (not Courson).

Page 23 - Child #5 (top of page), Soloman Parks Butler, m. Lois Gertrude Dey, (not Louise). Her parents were Thomas Lenard and Mary Lee (Strom) De

Page 31 - Ralph Martel Butler (correction from Ralph Mortel Butler).

Page 36 - Child #9 (son of William Allison Chastain), was Herbert Hoover Chastain (not Herbert Honer Chastain)

Page 37 - Herbert Hoover Chastain (top of page), not Herbert Honer Chastain

Page 44 - Child #5 (son of Thomas Joshua Benton, Sr.), m. 2nd Ruth Hendry, (not Ruth Henry).

Page 45 - Ruth Hendry, wife of Bryant Wright Benton, (not Henry).

Page 48 - (top of page): Cora Louise Cannon, (not Cora Lee), wife of Wm. Albert Benton.

Page 49 - Child #5, (dau. of Sarah Jane Benton Chastain) is Mary Martha, (not Margaret Martha).

Page 46 - Child #1 (son of Beulah Angele Dorminey) was David Stapleton, (not Daniel Stapleton).

Thank you! (G.B.K.)

A Parting Thought

Though my faith has faltered many times in taking the necessary steps to fulfill my goal of compiling this book, and taking upon the necessary financial obligation, that faith has been more than justified. To those who responded so quickly, and with a check, to the letter inviting you to subscribe, thanks indeed! To my own brother, George Harold Butler, especially, thanks, for his was the first check to reach me.

This book though with errors, omissions and the like, I'm sure, would have been impossible for me to compile with my limited education and training, had not it been for one whose name I particularly want to mention, James R. Boone, who led me into his family genealogist classes and there taught me the first steps in research that I might fulfill the desire that had been awakened within me to reach out for the names of our kindred dead and living. I attended many of his classes during a ten year period and had I learned nothing of research, he so inspired me that the impossible became possible. Yet I know that he has done no more for me than he has for others. Those who reap genealogical success small or large, go to him to share their joys, and he always turns a listening ear. His business place has often appeared to be a stop-over for family genealogists, though his line is selling.

To those of you whom I failed to contact, from lack of time or inadvertant ommission, my apology is extended. For that reason, and because there will always be loved ones being born, married and passing away, two blank sheets have been placed in this book for the adding of your family information.

Also, a pedigree chart which will personalize your book, or a loved one's, has been included. The use of this blank and the others is optional, of course, but if used, we do urge that you use a permanent type black ink which will last for years.

May the blessings of Him who reigneth be upon Aquilla's remaining children and all his descendants to the latest time. May he not be through all time to come without offspring to call him blessed.

Gertie Butler Keller
2211 Ernest Street
Jacksonville, Florida

September 1958

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Married:
Died:
Where:

(Name of Husband or Wife)
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Where:
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